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Ford-ian slip puts mayor on drunken rant

Promise broken. Ford admits drinking after being caught insulting police chief in patois

Mayor Rob Ford was off the wagon at an Etobicoke steak joint this week, impaired and rambling, associating with accused extortionist Alessandro Lisi and calling Police Chief Bill Blair a "c—sucker."

It was all caught on video by people Ford — who admitted Tuesday he indulged in alcohol — calls "friends."

Just last week, Ford maintained that his drinking days were over.

"F—ing Chief Blair," Ford says in a videotape made at approximately 1 a.m. Tuesday. "They chase me around for five months ... You know how much that costs?"

Ford is incoherent during portions of the video. In other parts he clearly uses Jamaican expletives that members of the local community say are "highly offensive" to women.

Ford admitted Tuesday to drinking but denied driving to the Steak Queen. However, he did not say how he got to the fast-food steak restaurant. A witness to the night's activities told Torstar News Service that Ford's Cadillac Escalade was parked out front.

In another section of the video, Ford brags that during the police investigation he ran "counter surveillance" on the undercover detectives.

"'Bro, we're counter-surveilling you, guy.' You know what I mean? He's hiding here, I'ma hide here…"

In a second video released Tuesday, Lisi is seen chatting with Ford at the Steak Queen the same evening.

Ford admitted the video was current, saying: "I was with some friends, and what I do in my personal life and (with) my personal friends, that's up to me."

Rexdale resident and Ford supporter Penny Morrison agreed, waving a Ford Nation flag as she said: "He was just horsing around with his friends.... People overreact to everything he does."

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Media report live from the Steak Queen Restaurant at 345 Rexdale Blvd. where Mayor Rob Ford was captured on video, inset, slurring insults in front of the counter Monday night.

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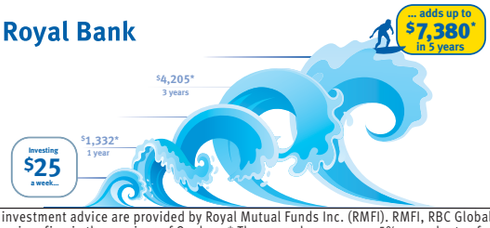

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Line 7

Pipeline expansion quietly approved

Federal regulators quietly approved a capacity increase on a 57-year-old Enbridge pipeline that runs from Sarnia to Hamilton.

There were no public hearings and one municipality that Line 7 runs through, Hamilton, didn't even know about the proposal until after it got the go-ahead from the National Energy Board in the fall.

In October, the board approved Enbridge's application to up the capacity of Line 7 to move oil from Western Canada to eastern refineries.

"In our view, if it is in our municipal jurisdiction, (Enbridge) should consult with the city of Hamilton," said Guy Paparella, Hamilton's director of growth planning.

Enbridge said Hamilton wasn't included because the city isn't affected by the project.

The Line 7 application slipped under the radar in the midst of heated debate on a controversial proposal to increase and reverse the flow of another pipeline, Line 9. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Long-living giraffe dies

Ginetta 'really was special'

Ginetta TORONTO ZOO

Being a romantic Italian, Ron Barbaro knew just how to surprise his wife on her 51st birthday. He'd name a giraffe after her.

As chairman of Metro Toronto Zoo, Barbaro had some sway in naming the newborn, the first born on Canadian soil, in 1983, days before his wife's birthday.

He kept the name secret until the morning of his wife's birthday, when he brought her coffee and a copy of the Toronto Star in bed. There on the front was a photo of the giraffe with its new name. "I just cried," said Ginetta Barbaro, now 81. "I was so flattered."

The giraffe died Monday at the age of 30. "She was a beautiful, beautiful animal," said Ginetta.

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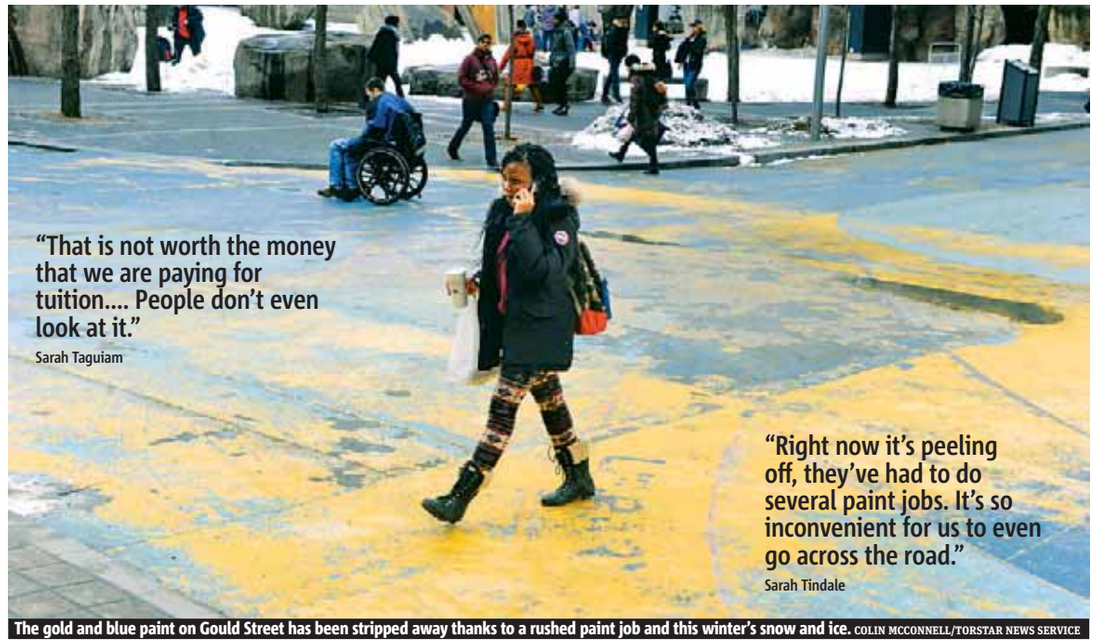

The gold and blue paint on Gould Street has been stripped away thanks to a rushed paint job and this winter's snow and ice. COLIN MCCONNELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Beauty is fleeting, but student debt everlasting

Gould Street. Ryerson's $195K paint job washed away by snow

A pricey paint job on a Ryerson University road has been washed down the drain by snow and ice, causing university administration to apologize for the $195,000 project.

A Ryerson vice-president took partial responsibility for the botched roadwork, now little more than faded patches of blue and gold on Gould Street, saying she hurried the project to meet a winter deadline. "We did the work in a rush," wrote Ryerson vice-president of administration and finance Julia Hanigsberg in a recent blog post titled "I'm Sorry."

Gould Street, a car-free spine through the downtown campus, had its concrete painted bright yellow last September. It was a quick fix to conceal messy roadwork, the university's president said. "We put a temporary (coat) down just to clean up the street," Sheldon Levy told Torstar News Service.

The first phase cost $25,000. After that, a more expensive coat of epoxy paint — believed to be more durable — was applied. That coat, which cost $170,000, included blue river-like arrows that pointed out various campus landmarks. The design was an homage to Taddle Creek, a little waterway that once gurgled through downtown, Levy said.

Different strokes

The beautification fund comes from a variety of sources, including fundraising, alumni donations and tuition fees.

Crews hurried to finish the second coat before Toronto's first snow.

"We had a narrow range of temperatures when the epoxy could be applied. I required my team complete the work before the temperature dropped. That was my mistake," Hanigsberg wrote.

The recent ice storm and wintry conditions have worsened the problem; flecks of blue paint are the only sign that the second, more expensive coat ever happened.

Levy told Torstar that the university refuses to foot the entire $195,000 bill, initially slated to come out of a campus "beautification fund."

"We don't pay for shoddy work," Levy said, adding that the university has only paid for part of the job. It will withhold funds until they have found a solution, he said.

"We are in discussions with the company over what proportion we should pay."

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Do you see the people sing?

Maya Das Gupta TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Smartphones have become a near-constant presence at live music shows, transforming concert halls into seas of tiny blue screens.

But what if the documenting masses captured their digital mementos in the name of a communal goal?

That is the idea behind One Million Music Moments, which envisions channelling our propensity to record and share these experiences into a city-building campaign.

The vision: to get Toronto residents to use their phones to document 1 million music moments in a year, and share their music-related snaps — anything from concerts and street buskers to a commuter whistling on the subway — with the social media hashtag #1MMM.

"We actually automatically always capture it now on our cellphones, and everyone uploads it on social media and hashtags it," said Maya Das Gupta, 27, who helped conceive of the proposal. "So our idea is really simple."

Simple, yes, but hardly conceived on a whim.

An industrial design student at OCAD, Das Gupta is part of a network of 30 young people under 30 assembled by the Toronto-based team behind the YouthfulCities index. Slated to launch today with an event at Toronto's Great Hall, YouthfulCities ranks the world's top cities from the perspective of youth.

Toronto was named city of the year in the inaugural index released in November.

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TDSB. Principal alleges 'systemic discrimination' over lack of promotions

A Toronto principal who is black has complained to the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal that the Toronto District School Board repeatedly refused to promote him partly because he accused his son's elementary school of race-based streaming back in 2006 — white students into band, black students into drama — and said his accusations annoyed some trustees so much, they later blocked his rise to superintendent.

The allegations have not been proven, and the board has disputed them in documents filed for the hearing.

Andre Patterson, now principal of Braeburn Junior School in Rexdale, has accused the TDSB of "systemic discrimination" throughout his career, including being called an "ABM" (angry black male) by a superior, said his lawyer Selwyn Pieters, who also claims Patterson suffered reprisal from several trustees who refused to approve his bid for promotion because of disputes they had with him.

"It's an example of undue interference by trustees in the day-to-day operations of the board, like promotions, which is something the Ernst & Young audit of the board recently criticized," said Pieters in an interview Monday, when the hearing before tribunal vice-chair David Muir was slated to begin.

"It relates to the 'culture of fear' among staff that also was criticized by Ernst & Young," noted Pieters, citing a recent forensic audit of the TDSB ordered by Queen's Park last fall.

Both parties spent Monday trying to hammer out an out-of-court settlement, but when that failed, the hearing began Tuesday, only to be adjourned soon after it started over a procedural dispute. Board lawyer Jason Green argued the 2006 school band dispute is too old to be the backbone of the case, and Pieters demanded time to respond. The hearing should resume this spring.

Andre Patterson
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Education director Donna Quan said she could not comment on a confidential personnel matter before the Human Rights Tribunal, "but what we can say is that we track all hiring in positions of authority and the TDSB has an outstanding record of hiring from minorities so that staff reflects students in our schools. We are proud of the gains we have made and that can be seen in our staff demographic survey."

Patterson said he believes several trustees blocked his promotion in 2008 because of disputes they had had with him, but other staff suggested Patterson lacked the board-wide perspective needed from a superintendent. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Black film fest features Nelson Mandela tribute

TBFF. This year's festival to be held in Toronto from Feb. 11 to 16, boasting 34 filmmakers from around the world

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A decade ago, Haitian actress Fabienne Colas came to Montreal intent on bringing her critically acclaimed film Barikad to Canada.

"When I moved to Montreal, I was so happy because we had this film in Haiti that won all these awards and I wanted to show this film (to Canada)," she says.

On a recommendation from a friend, she presented the film to Montreal's African Film Festival. "I went there, enthusiastic. ... To make a long story short, they didn't accept it.

"I was humiliated by the way they said no to us. It was like: 'Oh we have way better films than that.' It was just to make me feel small. I said, you know what, we need another festival in Montreal."

The spunky 33-year-old recounted this tale on Tuesday at the Carlton Cinema, where she was announcing the lineup for the second edition of the Toronto Black Film Festival (TBFF), being held Feb. 11-16.

That initial rejection in Montreal spurred Colas to create her own fest. TBFF is an extension of the Montreal International Black Film Festival, which she began in 2005 as the Montreal Haitian Film Festival, a three-day three-film event.

This year TBFF boasts work from 34 filmmakers around the world. One of the highlights is a Tribute to Nelson Mandela on Feb. 16 at Carlton Cinema, which is a series of documentary shorts that show rarely glimpsed sides of the late South African leader's life.

"I had wanted to come to Toronto," says Colas of bringing her festival here. "There's so much diversity and Toronto is known as the diversity city."

TBFF Highlights:

- **Stedman Graham conference:** Feb. 13
- **Lorraine Klaasen concert:** Feb. 15
- **Robert Hillary King movie talk:** Feb. 16
- **Tribute to Mandela:** Feb. 16
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Haitian actress Fabienne Colas, on bringing her festival to Toronto.

Fabienne Colas announced the lineup for the second edition of the Toronto Black Film Festival in Toronto on Tuesday. CONTRIBUTED

T.O. MP pushes for photo with Harper at holy Jewish site

Mark Adler, left, shakes hands with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on a trip with Prime Minister Stephen Harper to the Middle East. TWITTER

At this city's sacred Western Wall, Jews come to their holiest site for prayer, but on Tuesday, Toronto Conservative MP Mark Adler came here with his own urgent wish.

As Prime Minister Stephen Harper made his own late afternoon visit, Adler was desperate to get in the picture, apparently with re-election hopes in mind.

Adler lobbied a Harper aide, seeking to be freed from a media pen where he was standing and into the throng around the prime minister.

"Jeremy, Jeremy. Can I get in," Adler (York Centre) said to Jeremy Hunt, who refused Adler's demand.

But the MP wasn't deterred.

"It's the re-election. This is the million-dollar shot," Adler said, jostling reporters to get close.

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"Mr. Adler's outburst makes one thing clear: Conservatives aren't just in Israel to make new friends." NDP in a news release

The remarks were overheard by nearby reporters and are clearly audible on a video taken by Globe and Mail reporter Campbell Clark. Harper had just approached the wall and had placed a prayer note in the cracks between the rocks.

As Harper and his entourage passed by, Adler was allowed past the security fence out of the media pen and was able to get the picture he sought.

Adler later tweeted, "incredible experience at the #WesternWall — one of the most important sites for Jewish people in Canada and around the world."

Adler has been giving a running account of the visit on his Twitter feed, complete with photos from Vad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial, a state dinner and a handshake with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The Conservatives have repeatedly denied that their support of Israel has been done for political advantage. But Adler's photo-op demand reveals that partisan considerations are at play here, too, a point highlighted by the New Democrats. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Rush-hour parking fines going up this week

Will heftier $150 tickets for illegal parking, stopping and standing be enough to discourage rush-hour violators from clogging downtown streets during Toronto's lengthening rush hours?

City officials say they want to change driver behaviour and that new tougher downtown penalties — up from $60 — aren't about raising revenue.

"If we get 40 per cent of the tickets we're writing right now, that would be revenue neutral," said Stephen Buckley, general manager of Toronto Transportation Services.

"We have no idea how much compliance this will produce. Any time we do make changes like this you never really can estimate the level of compliance."

The higher fines, rolling out Thursday at midnight, will apply between 6 a.m. and 10 a.m. and between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. They will be reinforced by a new fixed-fine system that will prevent motorists from receiving a reduced penalty if they take their ticket to court.

Small piece of revenue pie

0.3%

Toronto issues about 2.7 million parking tickets and collects about $80 million in revenue annually. Only about 0.3 per cent of that money comes from rush-hour parking and stopping violations, said Anthony Fabrizi, manager of utilities, billing and parking tickets.

Mayor Rob Ford has called the new fines a cash grab that puts businesses such as couriers at risk. Asked about posted rush hours, Ford said: "They're good as they stand now," he said Monday.

But in March or April new signs with extended no-stopping hours will be posted on some downtown streets, including King and Queen, to better match lengthening peak periods, said Buckley.

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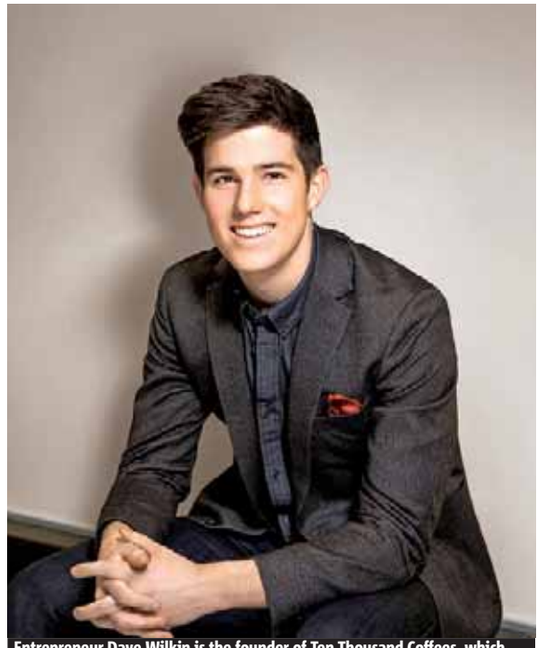

Entrepreneur Dave Wilkin is the founder of Ten Thousand Coffees, which launched Tuesday. CONTRIBUTED

Jump start your career over java

Ten Thousand Coffees. Toronto-born initiative links young people with business leaders, one coffee at a time

Dave Wilkin credits a meeting over coffee with changing his life, and setting him on a path.

A student at the University of Waterloo, he had a single goal: Find a job.

He sent out hundreds of emails to business leaders in hopes of landing work. In most cases, he didn't hear back at all.

But he got a response back from Mia Pearson, a communications executive, who invited him to meet her for a coffee at a Toronto café. Within minutes of the meeting, she urged Wilkin to start his own company.

He did just that and nearly five years later his social-media marketing firm Redwood Strategic, which specializes in targeting millennials, is doing a booming business.

But Wilkin, 25, knows many young people, whether they are still in school or figuring what career to pursue, would benefit from the guidance he got.

So he is taking that idea of the coffee conversation, formalizing it as Ten Thousand Coffees, which launched Tuesday.

Some heavy-hitters have signed up: astronaut Chris Hadfield, comic Rick Mercer, CBC host George Stroumboulopoulos and Twitter Canada head Kirstine Stewart. Bank executives, non-profit leaders, lawyers and academics are among the 300 experts in 21 industries participating.

"It's a movement. It's absolutely free to everybody to join," he said, adding the program isn't set up as a mentorship, with no commitment or promise of a long-term relationship.

He said they've asked the experts to give at least one coffee meeting and, so far, not a single CEO has declined.

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"It is about connecting that initial conversation to help any young person, recent grad, students for that initial first step that could turn into something."

Dave Wilkin, founder of Ten Thousand Coffees

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Olivia Chow's new book reveals details of personal journey

More than politics. Chow writes of how life and love overlap with her public service

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Olivia Chow and Jack Layton in a wedding photo from her book, My Journey. CONTRIBUTED

Olivia Chow says she can't separate her personal life from the political but should she run for mayor of Toronto against Rob Ford, she won't attack by holding her personal life up to his.

Chow spoke with Metro Tuesday about her new book, My Journey, which tells her story of immigrating to Canada from Hong Kong, her father's violence and mental health struggles, and her romance with Jack Layton.

The personal — such as her father's increasing abuse when he couldn't find rewarding work as an immigrant in Toronto — is one with the political. When she writes about political goals she's fought for such as school meal programs and multilingual 911 service, they are based in the experiences of an immigrant child.

She writes of dates with her husband spent discussing political theory, their home as a base for political action and other politicians as friends they both loved. Asked why she lives that way, she suggested it isn't a choice.

"I can't separate personal and political. I didn't get involved in politics to be famous or powerful, it's not my thing," she said.

By telling her personal life story, she shows how she has come to her political beliefs. She believes that she can sway others to those beliefs as well.

"That's why I wrote the book," she said. "Of course. Why else would I tell the story?"

Why include the text of a love letter from Jack?

"I felt that I'm so blessed. I was so blessed to have experienced this. He was a poet. It was beautifully written. Why not celebrate love? The book is really about immigration, adversity, public service and love. So why be shy about it? Why not share it? It is possible."

Chow said one reason for writing the book was to perhaps give comfort to people who are grieving by opening up about her grieving for her husband. Writing was part of her grieving process. It would take her away from thoughts, like dwelling on how she wouldn't be able to take a vacation with him again, that would take her into self-pity.

Chow is aware of the power of a personal story. She writes about a rally in Grange Park to support the Vietnamese Boat People in 1979 — the first political rally she ever attended — and how an organizer recruited a 10-year-old boy to speak about how most of his family had died on the journey to Canada.

"Having someone describe social injustice is one thing; hearing from an actual victim of such injustice is quite another," she wrote.

Chow writes that Canadian efforts to support and sponsor the Vietnamese Boat People took off because of such stories of staggering cruelty and that the organizer of that rally says he hasn't seen anything like that since.

However, Chow said she doesn't think that means Canadians have changed, or become cynical.

"Canadians are very generous. When there was a Haiti earthquake, or a typhoon in Philippines, the ice storm in Toronto. We help each other out. That's who we are, generous people. We want to help out," she said. "We just need to be backed up by government that is just as generous and kind."

'Why not celebrate love'

"I felt that I'm so blessed. I was so blessed to have experienced this. (Jack) was a poet. It was beautifully written."

Olivia Chow, on why she included the text of a love letter from Jack Layton in her new book.

Chow on latest Ford video

Shortly before the interview, the news about the latest drunken Rob Ford video broke. Olivia Chow said she'd heard about it.

- "I sure don't want my grandkids and all the kids to have him as the role model. Yeah, we can do better. Toronto has more to look forward to," she said.
- She also confirmed she is "seriously" considering whether to run for mayor. Asked if she'd hold up her personal life against Ford's in the campaign, she said, "Why get so personal, in terms of attacks? I don't think that's helpful."

On facing criticism

'I just choose not to be cynical'

When a politician opens up about their personal life, it opens them to criticism on a more personal level. For example, National Post columnist Christie Blatchford reviewed My Journey and said Olivia Chow's anecdotes ring "fundamentally untrue," that Chow has a "curiously self-aggrandizing manner" and the love letter from Jack Layton (the full text of which is included in the book) would have made Blatchford throw up on her shoes.

Chow's response to such criticism is: "I'd rather see the good in every person and connect with that goodness and not be cynical.

"That's how change can happen so we live a happier life. And people don't want to go there, that's OK, and don't have that experience, that part of themselves, that's OK, too. I just choose not to be cynical and pessimistic."

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Throngs reach out to Harper, delighted by his Israeli stance

PM a rock star among Israelis. His words of support for Israel and warnings to other countries earned global news coverage

Throngs of Israelis literally reached out to touch Stephen Harper on Tuesday as he basked in a hero's welcome at the sacred Western Wall, shortly after he and his Israeli counterpart insisted their countries do, indeed, have differences of opinion.

The prime minister's jam-packed second full day in Israel included a morning chat with President Shimon Peres, as well as a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and six Canadian cabinet ministers, including John Baird and Jason Kenney.

Netanyahu and his wife then accompanied Harper and his wife Laureen to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Museum for a harrowing look back at the horrors perpetrated on the Jews by Nazi Germany.

"They are remembered always, in our hearts, in our prayers and most importantly in our resolve," Harper wrote in the museum guest book. "Never again."

The loquacious Israeli leader explained much of what the Harpers saw at the museum, an elegant building designed by Canadian architect Moshe Safdie that's situated on a sunny Israeli hilltop speckled with majestic cedars.

But the day's most remarkable moment came at the Western Wall, where Harper — fresh from a speech Monday that was effusive in its support for Israel — received the sort of affectionate reverence that generally evades him back home.

Just after sunset, the prime minister was greeted by hundreds of onlookers who cheered and reached out their hands to touch him as he made his way from his vehicle to the wall.

A beaming Harper stopped and chatted briefly with the throngs before solemnly observing the wall. After he made his way back to his motorcade, a woman in the crowd was heard to shriek: "He touched my hand!" THE CANADIAN PRESS

Historic address

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's official tours don't often generate international headlines, but Monday's historic address to Israel's parliament was an exception.

- Israeli press was positive about Harper's speech, in which he accused those who blame the country for problems in the Middle East of being anti-Semitic.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper stands in front of the Western Wall, the holiest site where Jews can pray in Jerusalem's old city, Tuesday. Harper is on an official visit to the region. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Minister ready to spew prepackaged statements

Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney THE CANADIAN PRESS

If there's a major cyberattack on Canada, Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney will not be giving the public "specific details" of the incident, newly released briefing notes indicate.

However, the minister won't be at a complete loss for words if he follows the carefully crafted script he's been provided for just such a terrible occasion.

"Cyberattacks are a global phenomenon," Blaney is advised to tell Canadians.

"Canada and other countries face escalating cyberthreats — these threats are real and continue to mature."

Stephen Harper's office has been roundly criticized in recent years for micromanaging cabinet ministers and the public servants who toil in their departments.

However, the briefing notes obtained by The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act show bureaucrats are not above looking over ministerial shoulders.

The notes suggest Blaney be circumspect about an assault on vital electronic networks.

"While I won't provide specific details about the nature of this incident, I can assure you the government of Canada has plans in place to prevent, minimize and address the impacts of cyberthreats."

In fact, Blaney will be ready to respond to other kinds of catastrophes, including a major natural or man-made disaster in Canada.

"Our heartfelt sympathies are with the families and friends of those affected by this terrible (type of incident) in (city or town)," he is counselled to say.

"The government of Canada is in contact with its (provincial/territorial) counterparts and will continue to share information as it becomes available."

And if terrorists strike the country? "Canada has suffered a national tragedy."

Blaney is also advised to reassure the public the government "remains unwavering" in its commitment to protect the safety and security of Canadians and to advance the global fight against terrorism. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Fishermen on boats catch bottlenose dolphins during the selection process in Taiji, western Japan, Sunday. A Japanese government spokesman defended the annual dolphin hunt, saying it is carried out in accordance with the law. The controversial hunt was the subject of the 2009 film The Cove. SEA SHEPHERD CONSERVATION SOCIETY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dolphin hunt the largest in years

Japan. Fishermen say the hunt is part of their tradition and call foreign critics who eat other types of meat hypocritical

Japanese fishermen have finished killing about 40 dolphins targeted for their meat as part of a larger group trapped recently in what activists say was the biggest roundup they have witnessed in the last four annual hunts.

A video released Tuesday by Sea Shepherd shows dozens of fishermen on boats surveying the dolphins after they were confined to a cove with nets. Divers can be seen holding the dolphins selected for sale and guiding them to nets hanging off the boats.

While other dolphins have been killed since the hunting season began in September, Sea Shepherd said the 250 herded into the cove last Friday was the largest group it has seen since it began monitoring the hunt.

The annual hunt in the village of Taiji received high-profile criticism when U.S. Ambassador to Japan Caroline Kennedy tweeted last weekend that she was deeply concerned about the practice.

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Total number captured

250

Sea Shepherd, best known for its anti-whaling activities, said that of roughly 250 captured dolphins, the fishermen first selected 52 to keep alive for sale to aquariums and other customers. They included a rare albino calf and its mother.

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Sochi scrambling to sell tickets amid expense, terrorism concerns

What if they held an Olympics and nobody came?

The situation isn't that bleak for the Sochi Games. Yet, with less than three weeks to go until the opening ceremony, hundreds of thousands of tickets remain unsold, raising the prospect of empty seats and a lack of atmosphere at Russia's first Winter Olympics.

There are signs that many foreign fans are staying away, turned off by terrorist threats, expensive flights and hotels, long travel distances, a shortage of tourist attractions in the area and the hassle of obtaining visas and spectator passes.

"Some people are scared it costs too much and other people are scared because of security," International Olympic Committee member Gerhard Heiberg of Norway said.

Sochi organizers announced last week that 70 per cent of tickets have been sold for the games, which run from Feb. 7-23 and represent a symbol of pride and prestige for Russia and President Vladimir Putin.

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A person walks through the main press centre on Jan. 8 in Sochi. MICHAEL HEIMAN/GETTY IMAGES

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Security personnel walk in the Olympic Park in the Coastal Cluster in Sochi, Russia, on Jan. 9. believed to be in Sochi. MICHAEL HEIMAN/GETTY IMAGES

Russians on 'black widow'

Olympic security. Officials say three female potential suicide bombers are on the loose, including one at large in Sochi

Russian security officials are hunting down three potential female suicide bombers, one of whom is believed to be in Sochi, where the Winter Olympics will begin next month.

Police leaflets seen by an Associated Press reporter at a central Sochi hotel on Tuesday contain warnings about the three potential bombers.

A U.S. congressman who was in Sochi on Tuesday to assess the situation said he was impressed by the work of Russian security forces, but troubled that potential suicide bombers had gotten into the city, despite all of the extraordinary security measures.

"We know some of them got through the perimeter," said Rep. Michael McCaul, chairman of the U.S. House Homeland Security Committee. "She's for real. What we don't know is how many more black widows are out there."

Russian authorities have blamed the so-called "black widows" of slain insurgents for previous attacks in the country.

McCaul, a Republican from Texas, said he had numerous meetings with officials in

Quoted

"How many potential cells could be in Sochi and the Olympic village?"

U.S. Congressman Rep. Michael McCaul, who, despite being impressed by the work of Russian security forces, said he was troubled that potential suicide bombers had gotten into Sochi.

Olympic band may play gay anthem Y.M.C.A. as a 'signal' of solidarity

The Dutch brass band that always performs at Olympic speed skating ovals is considering playing a popular gay song, Village People's YMCA, at the Sochi Winter Olympics to show its support for gay rights.

It remains to be seen how Russian and Olympic authorities would react should the Kleintje Pils band play a song widely considered to be a gay anthem. A ban on information about "non-traditional sexual relations" signed into law by Russian President Vladimir Putin has provoked widespread international outrage from critics who believe it discriminates against gays.

Bandleader Ruud Bakker said on Tuesday that Kleintje Pils could mix YMCA in its singalong repertoire as "a signal." But he added that the band didn't want to antagonize organizers or turn its performances into a "political game."

"We will see if we can get one or two songs into the selection, knowing that in the Netherlands it will be seen as a signal we are thinking of them (gays)," Bakker said.

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Security officials are searching for three potential suicide bombers, one of whom is

the hunt for bombers

Moscow and Sochi, and was briefed by the joint operation centre in Sochi, which is responsible for overall security in the area.

The congressman expressed concern that terrorists could have gotten into Sochi before security was tightened.

"How many potential cells could be in Sochi and the Olympic village?" he said. "But after 'the ring of steel' was implemented, we have this one person who seems to have been able to penetrate it. It does demonstrate vulnerability." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The 'black widows'

A photo of a police leaflet seen in a Sochi hotel on Tuesday shows Ruzanna Ibragimova and states that she is at large in the city.
NATALYA VASILYEVA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A police letter said that one of the suicide bombers, Ruzanna Ibragimova, a 22-year-old widow of an Islamic militant, was at large in Sochi.

- Police material distributed to the hotel staff included pictures of two other women in veils: 26-year-old Zaira Aliyeva and 34-year-old Dzhannet Tsakhayeva.
- It said the women had been trained "to perpetrate acts of terrorism."

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Chinese man who kept women as sex slaves is executed

Luoyang city. The man, 36, kept his six victims in a dungeon; two were killed by fellow victims he coerced into doing so

China executed a man on Tuesday who kept six women in a dungeon as sex slaves for periods of up to 21 months, during which he coerced three of them to kill two of their fellow captives, a court official said.

Li Hao, 36, who was executed, had dug a dungeon underneath a basement he bought in August 2009 and tricked women who worked at hair salons, karaoke bars and a massage parlour into going there with him, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

Li repeatedly raped the women, who were held there between two and 21 months, it said.

Police said he wanted to make money by forcing the women into prostitution and to appear in obscene webcasts.

His dungeon in Luoyang city in central Henan province was finally discovered after one of the women escaped and went to police.

The two women who died were killed by three of the others on Li's instructions, and they were also found guilty of murder, according to Xinhua, which said they were shown leniency. Two were put on probation, one got three years jail time. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Married with a child

Xinhua News Agency said Li Hao was convicted of murder, rape, illegal detention, organized prostitution and manufacturing pornography for profit. He was sentenced to death in 2012 and fined $1,640.

- Li forced the women to appear in webcasts and forced them to have sex with customers.
- When Li was arrested in September 2011, he was married with an eight-month-old son. He'd built the dungeon away from his home.

A Jersey wind chill: –40 C!

A woman tries to control her skirt and umbrella as a gusty wind blows onto her during a winter storm, Tuesday, in Jersey City, N.J. A cold spell has gripped the region, with bitterly cold air and wind chills as low as -40 in the forecast. JULIO CORTEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pennsylvania

U.S. man wanted by cops located via Facebook

Police in one Pennsylvania town really "liked" this Facebook post.

The Wilkes-Barre Times Leader reports officers arrested 35-year-old Anthony Lescowitch less than two hours after he shared a wanted photo of himself and taunted police for not being able to find him.

Police in Freeland say Lescowitch shared the wanted bulletin minutes after they posted it on the department Facebook page Monday night. He was being sought on assault charges.

An officer pretending to be an attractive woman then messaged Lescowitch. Police say Lescowitch agreed to meet for a cigarette, and was arrested at the agreed-upon location.

Lescowitch remained in jail Tuesday. Court records don't list a defence attorney for him. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Fellow student the accused in campus killing

Purdue University in Indiana. Cops believe shooting of teaching assistant was targeted

A Purdue University engineering student opened fire inside a basement classroom Tuesday, killing a teaching assistant and prompting officials to put the campus on lockdown, police and the university said.

Cody Cousins, who is believed to have targeted Andrew Boldt inside the Electrical Engineering Building, surrendered to a police officer within minutes of the attack, Purdue Police Chief John Cox said.

Investigators were trying to determine a motive for the shooting, which happened around noon on the campus in West Lafayette. No one else was hurt.

Boldt, a 21-year-old senior and teaching assistant from West Bend, Wis., died at the scene. Cousins, 23, who according to police has addresses listed both in Warsaw, Ind., and Centerville, Ohio, was being held on a preliminary charge of murder Tuesday night.

Students described a chaotic scene on the campus.

Julissa Martinez, a freshman in nursing, said she was in a psychology class on another part of the campus when she received the text alert from university officials telling students to seek shelter.

She said her professor briefly kept teaching, then stopped lecturing so that students could contact people to let them know they were safe.

"He tried to get everything under control because people were freaking out," Martinez said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Motive unknown

"This appears to be an isolated and intentional act."
Purdue Police Chief John Cox

Can't topple a leader on an empty stomach

Anti-government protest leader Suthep Thaugsuban, centre, sits for lunch during a protest rally on Tuesday in Bangkok. Thailand has declared a state of emergency in the capital and its surrounding areas to cope with anti-government protests that have stirred up violence. SAKCHAI LALIT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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BlackBerry selling off Canadian real estate

Based in Waterloo.
The smartphone pioneer aims to continue to have a 'strong presence' here

A Canadian flag flies at BlackBerry's headquarters in Waterloo earlier this year. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

BlackBerry is selling the majority of its commercial real estate holdings in Canada, but the struggling smartphone maker refused Tuesday to say how much it expects to make from the deals.

Waterloo-based BlackBerry said it plans to use a combination of vacant sales and sale-leaseback arrangements in divesting the properties.

The company said the properties being offered for sale comprise more than three million square feet of space.

"BlackBerry will not comment on the potential value of a sale and will disclose further information as required in connection with any definitive sale transaction," it said in a release after markets closed.

The company is working with CBRE, a commercial real estate company that provides financing and management services in conducting the sales.

"BlackBerry remains committed to being headquartered in Waterloo and having a strong presence in Canada along with other global hubs," CEO and executive chairman John Chen said.

"This initiative will further enhance BlackBerry's financial flexibility, and will provide additional resources to support our operations as our business continues to evolve."

Shortly before Christmas, the University of Waterloo announced it had purchased five buildings and land from BlackBerry for $41 million. The deal, which is expected to close Feb. 14, will add an additional 300,000 square feet and more than 1,000 parking spaces to the school's property holdings.

BlackBerry pioneered the smartphone in 1999 and dominated the market for years but has since been eclipsed by Apple's iPhone as well as Android-based rivals.

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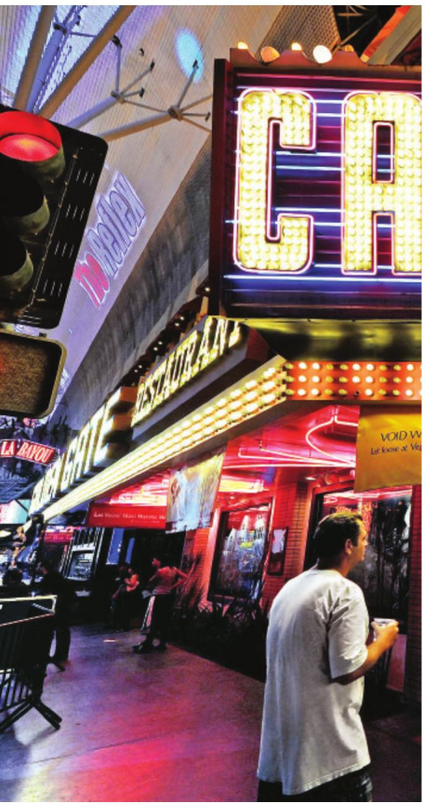

The house bets on Bitcoin

The Golden Gate Hotel & Casino is seen on Fremont Street in downtown Las Vegas. Starting today, patrons at the Golden Gate and the D casino will be able to use the online currency Bitcoin to pay for rooms, food and drinks. The cybercurrency will also be accepted at the D's gift shop and two restaurants. U.S. dollars will remain the only currency accepted on the casinos' gambling floors.

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WATCHING NHL SAME AS BAR BRAWL

JUST SAYIN'

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Good morning, class.

Today's topic is: NHL hockey — Big League or Bush League?

Yes, we have to go there after Saturday night, when the Vancouver Canucks and Calgary Flames re-enacted that classic hockey movie Slapshot by starting a brawl off the opening faceoff.

Once the final whistle (mercifully) blew, the referees had assessed 204 minutes in penalties, and Kellan Lain, a new Canucks bruiser playing his first game in the bigs, set an NHL record for being ejected two seconds into the start of his career.

As amazing as all that was, it was nothing compared to what happened between the first and second period, when Canucks coach John Tortorella decided to invade the Calgary dressing room in an attempt to get to Calgary coach Bob Hartley, no doubt to enter into a dialogue about fostering peaceful coexistence.

Tortorella has been suspended for 15 days without pay to cool off, but enjoys a hero's status in Vancouver, where he's being hailed as some kind of hockey warrior god who sticks up for his guys.

Of course, the whole episode is not playing so well outside Metro Vancouver. In fact, Peter Gammons, who works for Major League Baseball, went as far as to tweet, "Calgary and Vancouver last night reiterated why the NHL is a minor sport."

Wounded hockey fans wanted to know who the hell this Peter Gammons is, and I guess it won't matter that he was America's National Sportswriter of the year in 1989, '90 and '93 and received an honorary Poynter Fellowship from Yale. Betcha he's a pussy.

Meanwhile, hockey fans are still getting a buzz off the Winter Classic on New Year's Day when 100,000 turned up in a snowstorm to watch the Leafs beat the Red Wings. See? Ain't no minor sport.

So is a sport that features the on-ice equivalent of a bar-room brawl right from the opening faceoff a minor sport or not? And speaking of minorities, I never feel more minor than when I'm at the arena and a couple of goons drop their gloves. Thousands of otherwise sane and rational moms, dads, friends and lovers leap to their feet and let out a bloodthirsty roar of approval. The only thing better, apparently, than two goons, is 10 goons.

At least, say hockey's apologists, we no longer have bench-clearing brawls. Well, that's a relief. Now all we have to do is put an armed guard outside the opposing team's dressing room in case Coach decides to go postal between periods.

Oddly enough, I still believe pro hockey is big league. The brilliance of the playmaking, skill and speed somehow survives the worst efforts of its most dedicated cavemen.

And you'll be pleased to hear a recent survey shows that fighting has declined. There are only 0.88 fights a game! It's the dawn of civilized hockey.

Now if someone would just tell the coach.

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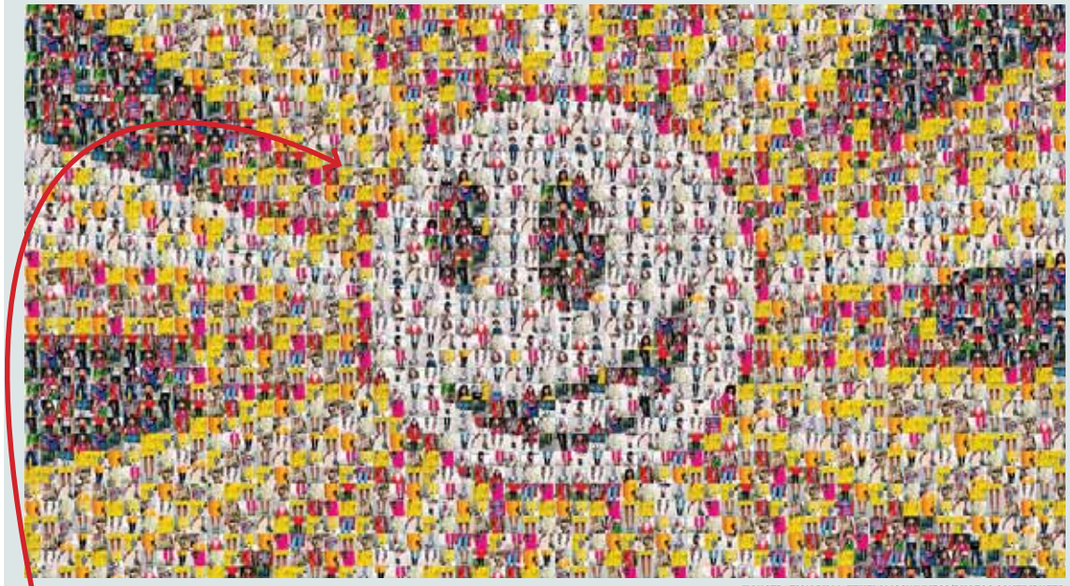

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Pleasing to more than just the eye

Thousands of vibrant street style photos (right) were used to design this mood-boosting sun illustration.

The colour yellow is associated with invigorating your state of mind, while red, a tempestuous shade and pigment of passion, can swing either way in the direction of love or hate. Colour does affect your mood. Angela Wright, one of the leading experts in colour psychology and author of A Theory of Colour Psychology and Colour Harmony, roots this in evolution: "Humans have developed an innate reaction to colour as a survival mechanism. People derive deep spiritual pleasure from the rich greens of a summer landscape but can be depressed by long periods of grey, overcast weather." METRO

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It's right about this time of year — just after Christmas but before the yearly April tax deadline — that people tend to take a closer (some would argue honest) look at their personal finances. They hum and haw over what they've saved too little for or, if you're like me, spent too much on. There's plenty of reasons to get your finances in order, but thanks to an increasingly crowded app environment, more and more companies are creating applications to make budgeting easier. Here are some budget apps to help clean up your money woes:

Level money:

Devoid of the snark and finger wagging that usually accompanies budget apps, this money saver breaks down how much you spend into easy-to-read graphs. You can see how much you spend every day, week and month, with new transactions added to your budget in real time.

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@Canucklehead_ca: No. That being said, my wife is curious if it can be bought retroactively - say a decade and a bit? (Must be asking for a friend.)

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Frankenstein's creation is back from the dead, again

Creature feature. The monster may have many names, but he's been a fixture on the silver screen since the birth of cinema

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The eight-foot-tall, gruesomely ugly creation of Victor Frankenstein has been called many things. In the original Mary Shelley novel he is named The Ogre. In the credits of the Boris Karloff film he is referred to as The Monster. He's also been called a fiend, the thing and the demon.

All those terms are apt for a creature born of dead body parts but a new movie adds a different name to the list — Adam. As in Adam Frankenstein.

I, Frankenstein stars Aaron Eckhart as Adam, the prefab man. He's now an immortal martial arts expert battling a war between rival clans in an ancient city. The character takes the name from the Shelley book. Sort of.

Shelley never gave the monster a name. People often mistakenly refer to him as Frankenstein, but in the novel the creature says to Victor, "I ought to be thy Adam; but I am rather the fallen angel."

Whatever you want to call him, Frankenstein's Monster has always been a popular character in the movies.

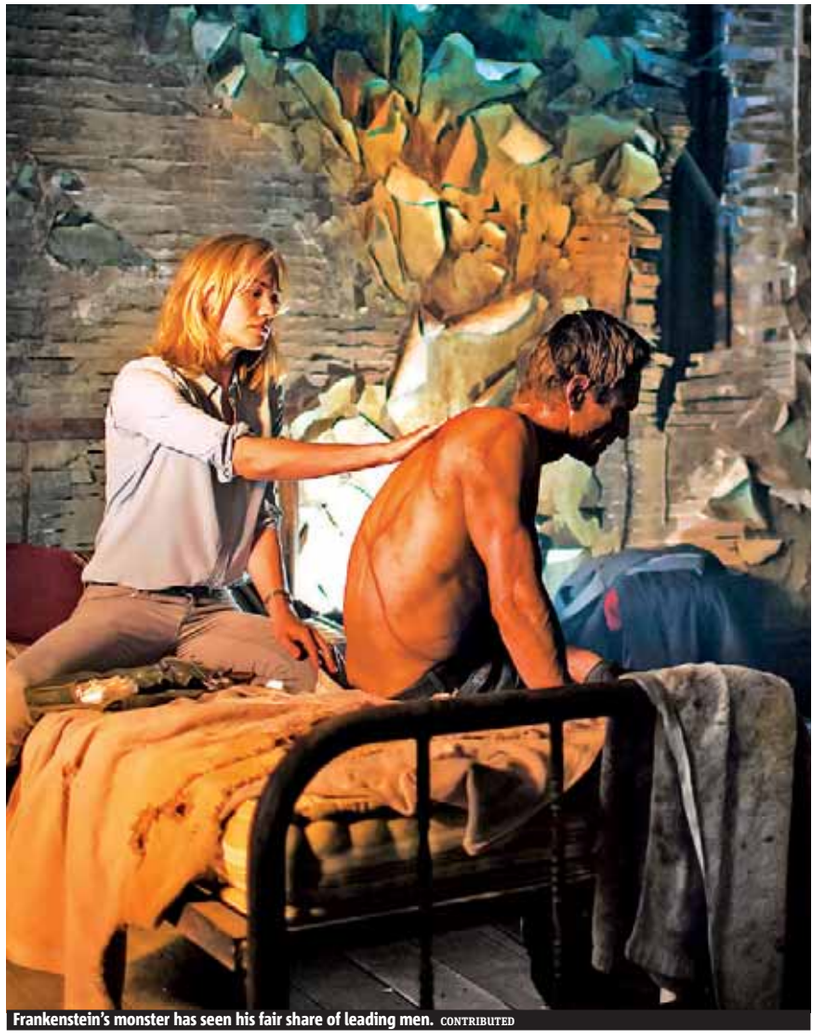
The most famous film featuring the creature has to be Boris Karloff's 1931 classic, but it wasn't the first. Five silent films, one with the dramatic title Life Without Soul and another that featured the brute emerging from a cauldron of fiery chemicals, all played to packed houses.

From those dramatic beginnings dozens of movies followed.

Robert De Niro played the beast in Mary Shelley's Frankenstein. On the set director Kenneth Branagh banned the word "monster," insisting instead that everyone refer to the creature the same way he is billed in the credits, as "The Sharp Featured Man."

Frankenstein: The College Years is basically an unlikely mix of Shelley's story and Encino Man. Directed by Tom Shadyac, this 1991 comedy sees college student Mark (William Ragsdale) reanimate Dr. Frankenstein's creature who then becomes a football star and a big man on campus known as Frank N. Stein (Vincent Hammond). "He blends right in," says Mark of the six-foot-nine Frank. "He's a regular invisible man."

The movie The Bride, a 1985 remake of The Bride of Frankenstein starring Sting and Jennifer Beals, gave the fiend yet another name. He was dubbed Viktor but not in tribute to his creator Victor Frankenstein. In this retelling the good doctor is known as Baron Charles Frankenstein. The name Viktor was chosen in tribute to the film's producer Victor Drai.



Frankenstein's monster has seen his fair share of leading men. CONTRIBUTED

Eckhart takes on monster of a role

I, Frankenstein.
Chiseled actor takes his turn at the man-made monster in new sci-fi fantasy flick

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Aaron Eckhart plays Adam in I, Frankenstein. CONTRIBUTED

Since that fevered night over a century past, when writer Mary Shelley, her hubby Percy and their pals Byron and Polidori got silly on sex and substances and helped birth her masterpiece of gothic horror Frankenstein, popular culture has mined and exploited the novel's concepts in a myriad of media to varying effect.

The latest stab at the man-made monster mythology is I, Frankenstein, an adaptation of the same-named graphic novel by actor-writer Kevin Grevioux (Underworld).

It stars The Dark Knight's Aaron Eckhart as Adam, the good doctor's undying creation who channels Clint Eastwood's "man with no name" by wandering into a war between two enemy camps; in this case gargoyles and demons.

It's an outrageous concept, but what really appealed to the celebrated actor was its focus on character.

"I think that for the audience, the movie is an action-packed, fantastic, science fiction, horror film," Eckhart says.

"But for me it's a personal thing, a personal film about a father and son and, really, that idea goes back to the book. It's a film that marries that idea with the monster's fighting skills and this other world he ends up in, looking for his soul and his purpose in life."

Eckhart's resumé is diverse. From his recent aforementioned turn as Harvey Dent Two-Face in The Dark Knight to his macho role in Erin Brockovich to his extensive work with director Neil LaBute in films like In the Company of Men and Nurse Betty.

But as random as his professional trajectory may seem, the actor has a dedicated criteria to choosing his parts.

"It's all about falling in love with my character," Eckhart claims.

"When I'm reading a script and suddenly, my five senses kick in, then I know it's right. Then I gravitate towards the director, which is important. A real director can make good material great and the reverse is almost never true. Ultimately, I'm just trying to act in quality projects, I'm not a careerist."

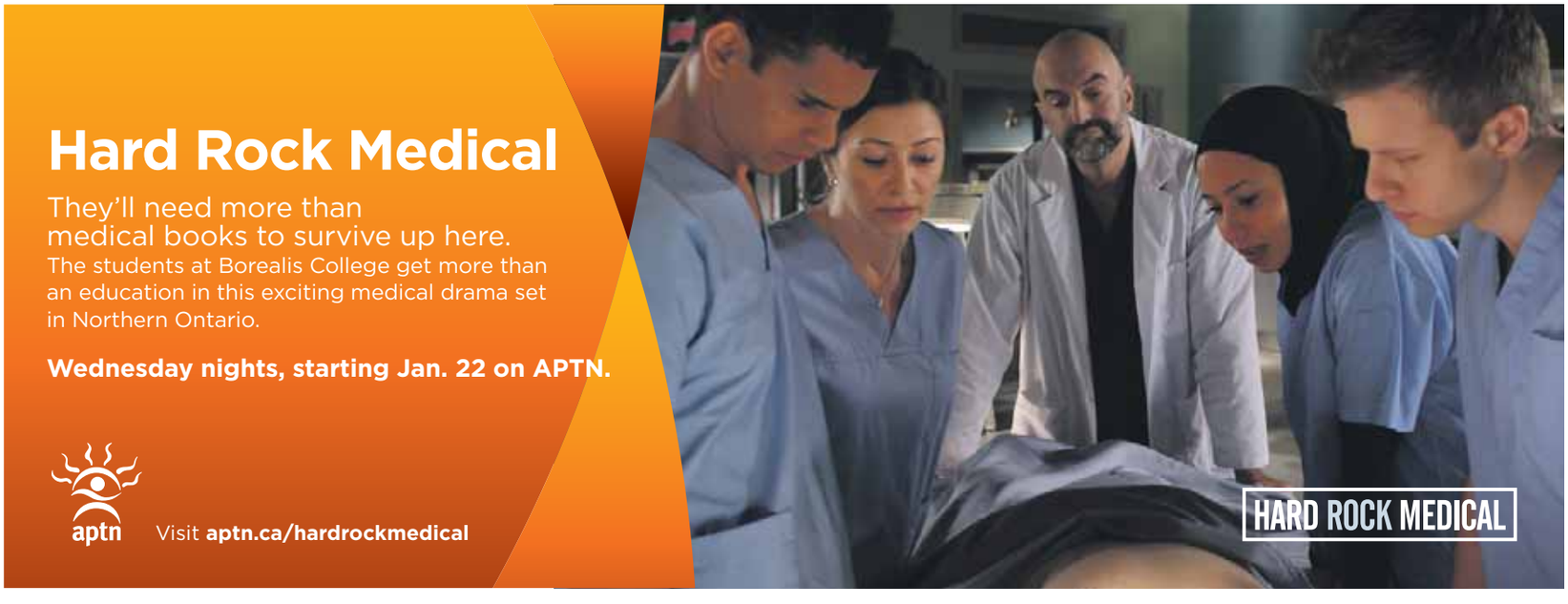
With I, Frankenstein, Eckhart is immersed in a miasma of baroque, deft visual effects to goose the film's allegorical melodrama.

And better still, Eckhart is supported by another great actor, genre favourite Bill Nighy, who, like Grevioux, is also a veteran of the Underworld films.

Nighy plays the evil lord of the demons and is indeed enabled by Australian writer-director Stuart Beattie, a talent that Eckhart is in awe of.

"Stuart is a real creator, a master over his material." Eckhart says.

"He loves to collaborate and has a fantastic imaginative mind, which he really put to use here. I think he created a world that people will enjoy, absolutely pure, thrilling escapism."



Actor's rising star won't stop Sherlock

...for now. Even with a busy schedule, Benedict Cumberbatch says he's intent on playing the sleuth as long as people keep watching

Benedict Cumberbatch returns in season 3 of Sherlock. CONTRIBUTED

As if you didn't like him enough already, Benedict Cumberbatch takes public transit.

He also says he does his own shopping and doesn't have "minions" to do his bedding.

He was also apologetic to fans — derogatorily called "Cumberbitches" by some — who had staked out the Langham Huntington hotel in Pasadena waiting for an autograph.

He told television critics that he "felt guilty" because he had to run past them because he was late for his panel. "The attention is kind and extraordinary and a little bit unnerving. They are supportive, loyal and by and large intelligent, and some of them normal," he said. "I really get a kick out of it."

Before Cumberbatch became the global heartthrob he is today — with breakout roles as Khan in Star Trek Into Darkness, or as WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange in The Fifth Estate, or even as Smaug the Necromancer in the Hobbit franchise — he was known as Sherlock Holmes on PBS's Masterpiece.

An adored cult figure, but nothing close to the hysteria that surrounds him now.

Cumberbatch said he first realized the power of fame when he went food shopping and the clerk seemed to be in shock at seeing him. "I didn't get my chicken for half an hour."

Despite the hype, Cumberbatch said he enjoys his time away from the spotlight.

"I value my privacy, my quiet time, space to think on my own and not be too self-conscious," he said. "But people have been respectful."

And he says that he also gets tongue-tied when he sees actors he admires.

"I still get completely starstruck," he said after meeting Harrison Ford and Bryan Cranston. "I had a complete meltdown."

Season three of Sherlock, which is a modern-day twist on Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes character, aired in North America on Sunday. It drew almost four million viewers, up 25 per cent from those who tuned in for the season 2 premiere in 2012.

But with the increased demands on Cumberbatch's time, particularly in film, the question is whether he can continue to play the role.

The actor says he has no problem with playing the iconic detective as long as people continue watching.

But the reality, says Sherlock co-creator Steven Moffat, is that the show "will continue until Benedict gets too famous." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Quoted

"The attention is kind and extraordinary and a little bit unnerving."

Benedict Cumberbatch
On his recent fame from breakout roles

Benedict Cumberbatch speaks during the Sherlock season 3 panel discussion at the Winter Television Critics Association tour this week in California.
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Kelly Osbourne allegedly made a scene during a recent Joan Rivers gig.

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Osbourne throws her hands in the air like she just don't care (and like she got totally blotto)

Joan Rivers is a pro when it comes to dealing with hecklers at her stand-up shows, but what about when the nuisance is caused by a co-worker? A seemingly intoxicated Kelly Osbourne reportedly made quite a scene at Fashion Police co-host Rivers' recent gig in Los Angeles, according to Radar Online. "Kelly had one drink before the show started, and then during the show she got up and went to the bar to get even more drinks," a source says. "Kelly was yelling things out to Joan during the show when no one else was and she was throwing her hands up in the air. She was doing it obnoxiously. Everyone around her thought she was drunk." After the show, another witness spotted Osbourne "banging on the door to get backstage after the show. She grabbed her friend as she was leaving and was hanging onto him. It seemed so obvious that she had been drinking."

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Biebs leaves his autograph... in the snow

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

What's the best way to distract from a sexting scandal, alleged drug abuse and possible criminal vandalism charges? How about adding public urination into the mix?

That's the strategy that Justin Bieber is reportedly deploying, at any rate. Biebs and his posse are in Colorado right now. They were on the road when the pop star felt the sudden call of nature and decided to pull over to relieve himself.

But not in the woods or off the freeway — rather, in an affluent residential neighbourhood.

According to TMZ, local residents looked on in shock as Bieber peed in the snow right in front of them. After he'd zipped up and headed off to take care of whatever important Bieber business he was pursuing, they crept up to the scene of the crime and found that he'd whizzed his initials into the snow.

Kanye West

'God, sex and alcohol': The Kanye way

If you were curious as to how Kanye West coped with the aftermath of his infamous 2009 MTV Video Music Awards stage-crashing of Taylor Swift, it was with "God, sex and alcohol," he tells 12 Years a Slave director Steve McQueen in a feature for Interview Magazine. "I don't have an addictive personality, so that means that I can lean on what might be someone else's vice just enough to make it through to the next day. You know, just enough religion, a half-cup of alcohol with some ice in it and a nice chaser, and then I'd make it to the next week."

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Harry Styles

Jenner may want to watch her man: Styles cozies up to mystery brunette at Sundance Festival

Harry Styles is still romantically linked to Kendall Jenner, but the One Direction star was turning heads at the Sundance Film Festival thanks to the attention he was paying to a brunette member of his entourage, according to E! News. "He was with three guys and two girls. They were all sitting together in a corner booth laughing and having a good time," a source says. "As the night went on, I could see Harry flirting with the brunette. At one point it was just the two of them canoodling in the corner. They were really into each other." But Jenner shouldn't worry too much, as the source insists that getting cozy and flirty was as far as it went.

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Fans of the Beatles are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the band's U.S. televised debut. While it all culminates with a star-studded Los Angeles tribute concert (to be televised Feb. 9), there are many other ways to honour the Fab Four around the globe.

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5 Stops on a Magical Mystery Tour

Liverpool, U.K.

The birthplace of the Beatles. There's perhaps no better place to bathe in Beatlemania than Liverpool. Whether it's touring the Beatles Story museum — which boasts the biggest permanent exhibition faithful to the Fab Four — visiting the childhood homes of John Lennon and Paul McCartney or sleeping at the Yellow Submarine Hotel floating in historic Albert Dock, the Merseyside city is the epicentre for fans. Be sure to stop by the infamous Cavern Club and grab a pint where The Beatles performed over 290 shows in their early days.
Songs to highlight your visit: Penny Lane, Yellow Submarine

Abbey Road, London

On the bucket list of most Fab Four followers is getting to London's famous Abbey Road. Located in the St. John's Wood district of the English capital (don't get confused with the Abbey Road transit station in the east end), this simple crosswalk is where many Beatlemaniacs recreate the iconic street-crossing cover of group's last recorded album. While the actual Abbey Road Studios is a short stroll away, don't expect much access to the Beatles' famous song salon. It's still a world-class workshop for musicians.
Songs to highlight your visit: Come Together, Something

Love, Las Vegas

Since 2006, Las Vegas has been an unlikely destination for Beatles fans by playing host to Love, the fabulous Cirque du Soleil show designed to celebrate the group's music. Created by Cirque founder Guy Laliberté and legendary Beatles producer Sir George Martin, the Grammy-winning musical brings the songs to life.
Songs to highlight your visit: Octopus' Garden, All You Need is Love

Strawberry Fields, New York

John Lennon may have lived in Manhattan for less than a decade, but he left an indelible mark on the city. With an entrance directly across from the Dakota apartments (where Lennon lived for the latter part of his life), Strawberry Fields in Central Park is a large, serene memorial garden dedicated to Lennon. A short walk through will reveal the famous Imagine pathway mosaic.
Songs to highlight your visit: Strawberry Fields Forever, Imagine

Imagine Peace Tower, Iceland

The Beatles' legacy has even pervaded the north. Visitors to Videy Island near Iceland's capital of Reykjavik can see the Imagine Peace Tower that was built to honour John Lennon. Created by Yoko Ono, the tower bears the words "imagine peace" in 24 languages, and the memorial often sends beams of lights toward the skies.
Songs to highlight your visit: Across the Universe, The Ballad of John and Yoko

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Does a Tahiti trip tickle your fancy?

Paradise, please.
A personal travel consultant offers his take on the quintessential dream destination

ON THE MOVE
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Have the winter blahs got you dreaming of a tropical paradise? According to my personal travel consultant, Carl Henderson, it doesn't get any better than Tahiti. Here's what he had to say about the dream destination.

What is Tahiti?
Like Hawaii and the Hawaiian Islands, Tahiti is the name commonly used to refer to a network of hundreds of different islands that make up French Polynesia. In fact, Tahiti is only one island out of six or seven that tourists tend to visit. It is also home to Papeete, the capital city where international flights arrive. From there the most popular route is to head to the island of Moorea for a few days, which is about a half hour ferry ride or seven minute flight away, and then continue over to Bora Bora.

What are the highlights?
Moorea and Bora Bora are a must. Moorea offers an incredible land experience, whether you rent a car or join a tour. I recommend the guided ATV or 4 x4 tours to the interior where you can get up close and personal with a volcano. Guides give you great insight into the culture and history of the islands. Bora Bora is all about the water and the lagoon. Get out on the water, snorkel, dive, jet ski, sail or try out a stand up paddle board. It doesn't matter, it's all good. The lagoons are filled with marine life; sharks, stingrays and amazing coral gardens.

What should people consider when planning a trip here?

Tahiti is one of the priciest destinations in the world, but its water bungalows are the stuff of dreams. ISTOCK

Have a big budget, as this is a high-end destination. Expect to pay at least $300 a night for a basic room on Moorea or some of the smaller islands. After that, the sky is the limit. Those picturesque over-the-water bungalows are easily $1,500 a night. Fly via Los Angeles as it offers the most connections. I also like flying with Air Tahiti Nui, where your experience begins as soon as you get on board.

Seems like a big trip... Is it worth the extra distance?
I've been to 56 countries and have never seen anything as beautiful as Tahiti and the islands. Forget the high rises and crowds you find in Cancun — this place is remote. Hawaii gets the same number of visitors in 12 days as Tahiti does in a year, so there's tourism but not mass tourism. Everyone who goes loves it and dreams of going back.

Ward off winter's chill with a cup of cheer

Icewine. Canada leads the world in the creation of this syrupy sweet treat

A wine columnist is urging Canadians to drink icewine while cheering on the country's Olympians next month.

"It's Canada's winter gold. I can't imagine a better way to celebrate our Canadian winters. I kind of think about our Canadian athletes too and I think we all should be drinking icewine while watching the Olympics," says Natalie MacLean, editor of the wine review site nataliemaclean.com, which has more than 156,000 members.

"It's uniquely Canadian in that we are the biggest producer and the best producer, I think, in terms of quality. It's just such an all-Canadian treat that I think people need to at least try it to experience what it is we do so well here."

Canada stands at the top of the icewine podium, with almost 100 wineries last year producing 2.5 million bottles worth $70 million at retail. The country's icewine has won numerous gold medals internationally.

While Germany and Austria also make the sweet beverage, their winters are not cold enough to consistently produce icewine every year.

Icewine makers must deal with the whims of Mother Nature.

"I do think they are the true athletes of the vine, those who make icewine. It's like extreme winemaking," MacLean said by telephone from Ottawa.

"I think it's one of the toughest types of wine you can make on this planet because of the natural conditions that have to be there to produce this.

"They have to endure all of that — harvesting at -8 C or colder and so on, (and a) very difficult fermentation process because of high sugar. But then the artistry comes out."

Icewine is pricey due to the production process. Still icewines can range from $25 to $60 for a 375-millilitre bottle, while sparkling icewines can cost up to $80 for the same size.

In Canada, winemakers producing true icewines must follow strict standards determined by the Vintners Quality Alliance.

Icewine is produced from grapes that have been left on the vine after the fall harvest. When temperatures drop to -8 C or lower, the frozen grapes are picked, typically at night, and pressed immediately, with winemakers working around the clock in sub-zero conditions.

"A lot of growers will pick down to -12 C, but at -14 it's really hard to get any juice out of those little frozen pellets," explains MacLean. "At -16 they won't yield anything. They'll just break your press. They're ice marbles."

In Ontario's Niagara region, the harvest started early as the temperature began to dip below -8 C in late November, the Wine Council of Ontario said in a news release.

"It's all about the concentration of the flavours," says MacLean. "That's what you're looking for. That's what has happened to these grapes.

"They've frozen, but in the meantime because they were freezing and thawing, freezing and thawing throughout December, that made the flavours more complex and then it also dehydrated the grapes, so what you're left with is a concentration of flavour and sugar which makes the complexity of the wine."

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Pillowy softness and a slight crunch in every bite

Roasted Cauliflower and Chorizo Gnocchi.
The chunky sauce in this dish offers perfect texture and flavour

DINNER EXPRESS
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There are so many people who just don't like cauliflower. But why? It is such a versatile and delicious vegetable, raw or cooked.

You can add it to soups or stews for added vegetable flavour and texture. Serve it up raw or blanched on a veggie tray, or how about pickled — one of my faves!

My current favourite way, however, to serve up cauliflower is roasting it. It adds a slight crunch and decadent flavour that is so simple but yet addictive. I am pretty sure I have eaten a whole head of roasted cauliflower myself after taking it out of the oven!

So how do you roast cauliflower? I've found the best approach is to simply remove the stem and tough core and cut the cauliflower into small florets. By doing this, more surface area gets exposed to becoming roasted and charred for an absolutely delightful texture and flavour.

In this particular recipe, I pumped up the flavour of the cauliflower by adding semi dry chorizo sausage and simple onion, garlic and parsley. It resulted in a dish worthy of my own restaurant menu.

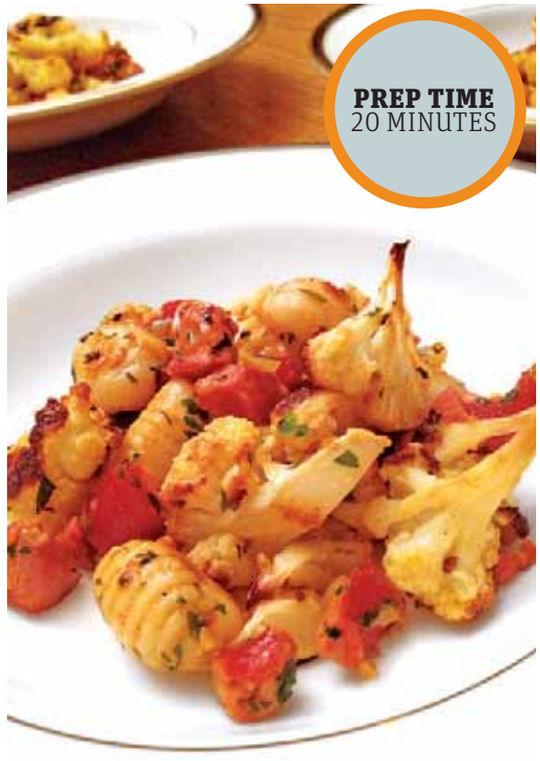
1. In a large bowl, toss cauliflower florets with 2 tbsp (30 ml) of the oil, salt and freshly ground pepper. Spread over parchment paper lined baking sheet and roast in 400 F (200 C) oven for about 45 minutes or until golden brown and tender crisp. Set aside. You can do this the night before for a quick weeknight meal the next day.

2. In a large nonstick skillet, heat the remaining extra virgin oil over medium heat and sauté the chorizo sausage, onion and garlic for about 8 minutes or until soft and starting to become golden. Stir in the chicken or vegetable broth and parsley. Keep warm.

3. Meanwhile, in a pot of boiling salted water, cook gnocchi for about 5 minutes or until they float to the top and are tender but firm. Using a slotted spoon or small sieve lift gnocchi out of water and add to skillet with sausage and onion. Add butter and cook over low heat. Stir in roasted cauliflower and toss to combine until heated through. Serve in shallow bowls.

Ingredients

- 1 head cauliflower, cut into small florets
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) each salt and fresh ground pepper
- 1 pkg (250 g) semi cured mild chorizo sausage, chopped
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) chicken or vegetable broth
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) chopped fresh parsley
- 1 pkg (1 lb/454 g) gnocchi (fresh or frozen)
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) butter



This recipe makes six servings. EMILY RICHARDS

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Don't stop rereading, hold on to that info!

Ask a professor. If the way you're reading isn't working, then you need to change it up so that the readings stick. Here's how to do it.

LEE SKALLERUP BESSETTE
Metro World News

At the beginning of the semester, I always ask my students how they do their reading. Do they find themselves reading and rereading the same sentence or paragraph over and over again, realizing at the end of it that they haven't retained anything?

Then, I ask them where and when they do their reading: before bed at night, in front of the TV or computer, in the common area of the residence hall or student centre? These things matter when it comes to good reading habits.

From text to la tête

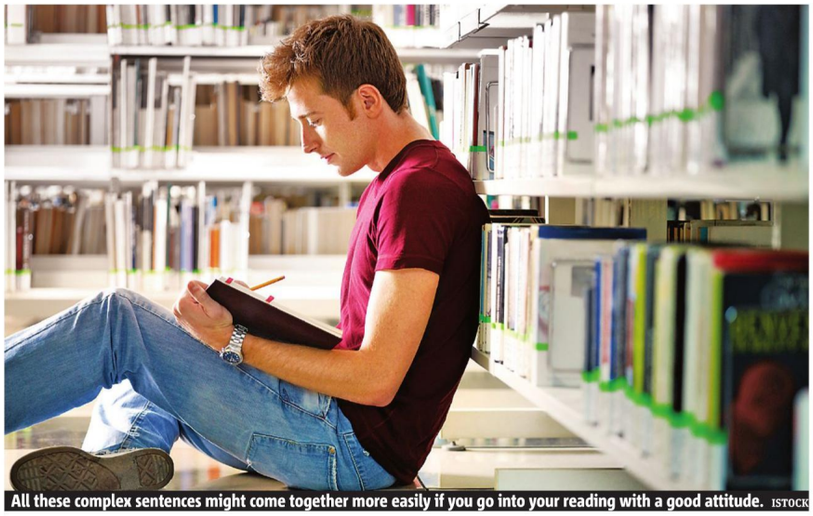
Each time you read, you'll find something new, learn something different, and retain more and more of what you need to know.

Getting up earlier and heading to the library or another quiet place rather than waiting until you're tired and run-down from the day can help.

Minimize the distractions by hiding your phone and reading in a place with no screens around to distract you.

The second thing I ask my students is why they think their professors assign them readings in the first place. It isn't surprising that students find the readings professors assign difficult? They go in with the expectation to be entertained, rather than intellectually challenged.

So, I tell my students, change your expectations and find a way to engage your brain. Take notes, write questions in the margins, create outlines of your readings, keep a glossary of terms, whatever it takes to get your brain engaged in the process.



All these complex sentences might come together more easily if you go into your reading with a good attitude. ISTOCK

Finally, read, re-read and then read it again. Each time you read, you'll find something new, learn something different, and retain more and more of what you need to know. You'll make new connections and gain new insight.

And if you're worried it takes too much time?

Most of your classes end in a final of some sort, and that final is based on the readings you have done.

Whether you spend the time reading throughout the semester or cramming in a sleepless energy-drink-fuelled session is up to you. But I know from experience which one is better for your education (not to mention health) in the long run.

DR. LEE SKALLERUP BESSETTE IS AN ENGLISH AND WRITING INSTRUCTOR WHO HAS BEEN TEACHING AT COLLEGES FOR ALMOST 15 YEARS, IN THREE DIFFERENT STATES, TWO COUNTRIES AND TWO LANGUAGES.

Active reading tips

- **Power down.** When you sit down to read, put your phone and laptop away so the screens don't suck you in.
- **Take notes.** Research has shown that the act of writing things down on paper helps the brain remember and retain facts. Think of it as retro cool.
- **Deep breaths.** Simple meditation techniques like focused breathing can bring you back to the moment and to the page in the gigantic book you're reading too.

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It doesn't have to be another semester of KD

Some food for thought. Avoid both an empty stomach and an empty bank account by devouring these suggestions

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It's important to follow a balanced diet of nutritious foods to stay healthy. However, a lot of people find it difficult to make good choices in the grocery store, whether it's because the healthier items are more expensive than the less nutritious ones or because we don't always know which foods are best for us. If it's true that we are what we eat, we can't really afford to not make smart decisions when it comes to food.

Thankfully, and contrary to popular belief, eating well doesn't have to mean buying costly organic foods or shopping at pricey health food stores, though if you can afford to get your groceries at your local farmers' market or health food store, by all means do.

It can actually be quite easy to eat well while saving money on your grocery bill each month if you follow these simple tips.

Kitchen in a click

Keep an eye out for simple, inexpensive recipes:

- There are dozens of websites and blogs filled with easy, healthy recipes that use low-cost ingredients. Vegetarian meals in particular are usually really inexpensive to make.
- Saving money doesn't mean cutting corners on flavour.

Plan ahead

Before heading to the store, you should always check the store's flyer to see what's on sale and make a list of what you plan to buy. Your shopping list should include staples and items that are on sale or in-season. If you have the time, you can visit multiple grocery stores to take advantage of sales at each place. If that's not an option, pick the store that usually has good deals. Know what you are able to spend before you start shopping and match it to your list in order to avoid impulse buys.

Track your total

You've probably noticed that the cost of the contents of your shopping cart can add up quickly.

To avoid being surprised at the cash, keep track of what your total will be as you add each item to your cart or basket. Use the calculator on your phone or a notepad if you need to. Seem like a hassle? It's a great way to figure out which items really aren't worth what they bring to your table.

Make healthy choices

Begin your shopping by circling the store's perimeter, where the produce, bakery, meat and dairy sections usually are. Fill your cart up with fresh foods. Make an effort to choose items that are on sale. The food in the aisles is usually more processed, therefore less nutritious, and is often more expensive, though there are exceptions: lentils, beans and other legumes, and brown rice, barley, steel-cut oats and other whole grains are extremely healthy, filling, inexpensive food choices.

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Look before your Link. Why keeping your professional profile polished is imperative

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While Facebook is for friends, think of Linkedin as the social network for your career.

Part job board and part social platform, on LinkedIn you can make industry connections, do employer research, share updates and post a multimedia resumé.

Many students ignore the site until after graduation, mistakenly thinking it is just for job seekers. As a result, those few who start developing their LinkedIn network early, even before graduating from high school, have a distinct advantage when it's time to apply for colleges, awards, grad school, internships and jobs.

Value across the board

Even if by some chance the HR department or selection committee that matters to you is not actively recruiting on LinkedIn, there are still two very good reasons to establish your profile there.

• Today, many hiring and admissions committees are using social screening to vet candidates. If your Facebook profile is set to "private" — as it probably is and likely should be — then your LinkedIn page becomes more visible and important to someone Googling you. Build your LinkedIn profile by including a list of all courses completed, your extra-curriculars, and volunteering activities. Held a leadership position on or off campus? List it. Won (or shortlisted, even nominated for) an award? Let LinkedIn know.

• Prepping for an interview means finding out everything about a company, especially all their most recent initiatives, such as social media marketing campaigns and social good activities, awards and newsworthy happenings. Every candidate is asked, "Do you have any questions?" and you always have to have some. LinkedIn is a valuable interview prep research tool.

Build your network before you need it

You might have a large social network of friends and personal connections on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

But if you want to make a professional impact, start growing your LinkedIn network today.

Compare yourself: in 2013 the average network size of a LinkedIn member was between 200 and 100 connections, and fewer than 10 per cent of users have less than 50 connections.

After you make the 500th connection, your LinkedIn profile will simply display the size of your network as "500+," so this is an obvious goal to strive for as an active LinkedIn networker.

Does the size of your LinkedIn contacts list really matter? Many professional networkers say it does.

If you want to take full advantage of the professional opportunities on LinkedIn and get the maximum return-on-investment for the time you spend using it, you must be proactive about establishing many relevant, valuable connections.

If you're (even partially) convinced that LinkedIn is a good idea for you, here are two things you can do to develop your professional profile:

Action steps

The Non-Selfie: Get A Real Headshot

Ever noticed the profile photos students have on LinkedIn? The most common headshot used is a selfie, a prom photo, or a cap-and-gown graduation shot. By comparison, you'll instantly look more professional if you invest some time and money in getting a great headshot by a professional photographer.

Once you have the perfect photo, increase your recognizability by consistently posting it on your Twitter, your blog, or anywhere you think employers might be looking for you.

What's Your Tagline?

By default, your LinkedIn profile headline will list your most recent job title. So instead of advertising yourself as "XYZ Student at ABC University," swap the generic description for a keyword-rich one that will increase your discoverability by LinkedIn and Google searches.

Think up on keywords to describe your job history or career aspirations. Then use that creative description as your (120-character maximum) profile headline instead.

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Visually signal professional memberships

- On the social web, visual communication matters: make it obvious to those who glance at your LinkedIn profile that you are connected, informed, actively engaged and interested in your chosen field or industry.
- Follow companies or organizations that matter. Subscribe to updates from LinkedIn influencers in your field. Thinking strategically, not only will these affiliations increase the relevance of your LinkedIn newsfeed exponentially, they will also be displayed on your profile.

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Aussie men pledge allegiance to 'Genie'

Eugenie Bouchard, holding a stuffed animal of a wombat thrown by one of her admirers, celebrates after defeating Ana Ivanovic at the Australian Open on Tuesday. RICK RYCROFT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Supporters of Canada's Eugenie Bouchard watch her quarter-final match against Ana Ivanovic in Melbourne Tuesday. ANDREW BROWNBILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Australian Open. Fans will see a lot more of Canadian Bouchard as she moves up the ranks

They've composed chants just for Canadian tennis player Eugenie Bouchard, roared for her until they went hoarse and toasted her wins by fudging their way through O Canada.

Meet the "Genie Army" — a dozen boisterous Aussies who, despite boasting zero connection to Canada, have become Bouchard's unofficial cheerleaders at the Australian Open.

Members of the weeks-old squad have jumped, danced and serenaded their way into an unmistakable grandstand presence during the Montreal teen's impressive run at the event, where she has earned a spot in Thursday's semifinal.

The devotees, mostly men in their 20s, have also fashioned red-and-white T-shirts that spell out Bouchard's name, flapped banners for her during matches and lobbed plush animals — each of them native to Australia — to her on the court following each of her victories.

Though they have had little face-to-face interaction with Bouchard, they have certainly commanded her attention in Melbourne.

"The crowd here has been amazing, especially the Genie Army," Bouchard, 19, said Tuesday during an on-court interview after beating Ana Ivanovic.

She then pointed up to her noisy personal cheering section.

"I've had so much fun. Thank you guys."

The inspiration behind a brigade dedicated to Bouchard came after a bunch of Australian buddies watched her upset Ivanovic last year at Wimbledon, said one of the Army members.

In December, as the Australian Open approached, Jacob Wright said the crew decided to become her own booster club, so they started making shirts and penning Bouchard chants.

The Genie Army was born.

"She's just a great tennis player," Wright, 20, told The Canadian Press in a Skype interview from Melbourne.

"Obviously, she's a good-looking girl as well, and we're young guys, but she is a really good tennis player. It's really, really good fun to watch."

Their movement has had nothing to do with patriotism, either. When asked whether any of them had a connection to Canada, he replied, "None of us." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quarter-final Wednesday

Dominika Cibulkova won the last eight games in a one-hour, 6-3, 6-0 quarter-final rout Wednesday of No. 11-seeded Simona Halep.

- The diminutive Cibulkova, among the shortest women on the WTA tour at 5-foot-3, pounded Halep from the back of the court to progress to her first Grand Slam semifinal since the 2009 French Open.

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CFL

Calvillo retires from football

The Anthony Calvillo era is over.

Pro football's all-time passing leader announced Tuesday he is retiring after a 20-year CFL career that saw him set several records and win three Grey Cups with the Montreal Alouettes.

"Today I would like to announce my retirement from this great game of football," Calvillo said, fighting back tears. "It has been an amazing journey of 20 years."

The Los Angeles native set records for passing yards with 79,816, completions with 5,892, pass attempts with 9,437 and touchdown passes with 455.

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Billion-dollar bracket?

$1 billion

Correctly predicting the outcome of every game in the NCAA men's basketball tournament is no layup. There's now a $1-billion prize waiting for anyone able to pull off the feat. Quicken Loans Inc. announced Tuesday that it will team with investor Warren Buffett's Neb.-based Berkshire Hathaway on the "Billion Dollar Bracket Challenge." ESPN, which has run a tournament challenge for the past 16 years, has never had a perfect bracket in over 30 million entries.

Leafs out West

"We're going in the right direction."

Toronto defenceman Cody Franson, whose Maple Leafs took a five-game winning streak into Colorado on Tuesday night. Go to metronews.ca to find out if the Leafs kept the streak alive.

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Wiggins still learning to fly

NCAA basketball.
Jayhawks forward in search of consistency as his team handles Top 25 opponents

Andrew Wiggins is finding it hard to be everybody's Super Bowl.

That was the way that Kansas coach Bill Self described the up-and-down season of his talented freshman forward from Thornhill. One day, Wiggins will be pouring in 26 points against Florida, the next day he will be struggling to get his shot off against UTEP.

It's already been a season of growing pains for the No. 1 recruit in last year's class, and while the eighth-ranked Jayhawks are starting to soar, Wiggins is still searching for his stride.

Andrew Wiggins GETTY IMAGES

"He's so naive in so many ways," Self said. "I don't think he thinks about the fact he's everybody's Super Bowl when they have a chance to play against him.

"We've told him," Self said, "but I don't think he's felt that yet."

After easily knocking off No. 24 Baylor on Monday night, Kansas (14-4, 5-0) has roared to five straight wins and first place in the Big 12. The last four of them have come against Top 25 teams, making the Jayhawks the first to accomplish that feat since North Carolina in 1997.

Wiggins has been a big part of that success, of course. He scored 22 points against Kansas State, and poured in 17 against Iowa State and Baylor. But he also was held to nine points on 2-for-9 shooting against Oklahoma, and a season-low three points against Oklahoma State.

"I think he's done well," Self said. "I also think there's another step he can take. He leaves me wanting more, so when people say certain things, I can't be upset. I want more too." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Tampa Bay	50	29	16	5	146	123	63
Montreal	49	27	17	5	126	120	59
Toronto	51	26	20	5	145	154	57
Ottawa	50	22	19	9	141	155	53
Detroit	49	21	18	10	122	134	52
Florida	50	20	23	7	120	151	47
Buffalo	48	13	28	7	89	137	33

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	49	34	13	2	157	120	70
NY Rangers	52	27	22	3	131	133	57
Philadelphia	50	25	19	6	137	144	56
Columbus	49	25	20	4	143	138	54
New Jersey	51	21	19	11	122	124	53
Washington	50	22	20	8	142	152	52
Carolina	48	20	19	9	117	137	49
NY Islanders	52	21	24	7	147	169	49

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CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	51	32	8	11	184	139	75
St. Louis	49	33	11	5	171	115	71
Colorado	48	31	12	5	142	122	67
Minnesota	51	27	19	5	125	125	59
Nashville	51	22	22	7	125	152	51
Dallas	49	21	20	8	137	152	50
Winnipeg	50	22	23	5	141	150	49

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	51	37	9	5	175	126	79
San Jose	50	32	12	6	161	123	70
Los Angeles	51	29	16	6	131	108	64
Vancouver	50	25	16	9	127	127	59
Phoenix	49	23	17	9	141	149	55
Calgary	50	16	27	7	111	159	39
Edmonton	51	15	30	6	131	181	36

Note: 2 points for a win, 1 point for overtime loss.

Tuesday's results
Florida 4 Buffalo 3
Ottawa 2 Washington 0
Columbus 5 Los Angeles 3
New Jersey 7 St. Louis 1
NY Islanders 5 NY Rangers 3
Carolina at Philadelphia, ppd.
Minnesota at Dallas
Toronto at Colorado
Vancouver at Edmonton
Winnipeg at Anaheim
Monday's results
Toronto 4 Phoenix 2
St. Louis 4 Detroit 1
San Jose 3 Calgary 2
NY Islanders 4 Philadelphia 3 (SO)
Florida 5 Pittsburgh 1
Nashville 4 Dallas 1
Boston 3 Los Angeles 2
Wednesday's games
All times Eastern
Carolina at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Montreal at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.
Thursday's games
St. Louis at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at NY Islanders, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Nashville at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Los Angeles at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Winnipeg at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pt
Crosby, Pgh	25	43	68
Tavares, NYI	23	36	59
Getzlaf, Ana	25	33	58
Kane, Chi	23	33	56
Perry, Ana	27	28	55
Thornton, SJ	6	47	53
Pavelski, SJ	27	23	50
St. Louis, TBL	25	25	50
Sharp, Chi	25	25	50
Kessel, Tor	24	26	50
Ovechkin, Wash	35	14	49
Kunitz, Pgh	24	25	49

Tuesday's games not included

NFL PLAYOFFS

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Sunday, Feb. 2 — At East Rutherford, N.J.
Denver vs. Seattle, 6:30 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Indiana	33	7	.825	Ñ
d-Miami	30	12	.714	4
Atlanta	21	19	.525	12
d-Toronto	20	20	.500	13
Washington	20	20	.500	13
Chicago	20	20	.500	13
Brooklyn	18	22	.450	15
Charlotte	18	25	.419	16½
Detroit	17	24	.415	16½
Cleveland	15	26	.366	18½
New York	15	26	.366	18½
Boston	14	29	.326	20½
Philadelphia	13	28	.317	20½
Orlando	11	31	.262	23
Milwaukee	7	33	.175	26

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	32	9	.780	Ñ
d-Oklahoma City	32	10	.762	½
Portland	31	11	.738	1½
d-L.A. Clippers	29	14	.674	4
Houston	28	15	.651	5
Golden State	26	17	.605	7
Dallas	25	18	.581	8
Phoenix	23	17	.575	8½
Memphis	20	20	.500	11½
Denver	20	20	.500	11½
Minnesota	19	21	.475	12½
New Orleans	16	24	.400	15½
L.A. Lakers	16	26	.381	16½
Sacramento	14	25	.359	17
Utah	14	28	.333	18½

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Tuesday's results
Brooklyn 101 Orlando 90
Miami 93 Boston 86
Oklahoma City 105 Portland 97
Sacramento at New Orleans
Minnesota at Utah
Wednesday's games
Dallas at Toronto, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Boston at Washington, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Houston, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

Vince Carter and the Raptors

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Does it really need to be said any more? Vince Carter deserves his moment of recognition: a banner in the ACC rafters, a small ceremony. If not for him, then do it for all the people who've suffered with the Raptors since he left. They might like to be reminded of when they were young and had hope.

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Fight for good value in the Patriot

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Review. Is the lowest-priced Jeep "Jeep-y" enough? It will do just fine for most

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It's hard to believe, but some Jeep fans are unhappy that Chrysler has applied the Cherokee label to a much sleeker 2014 version that in no way resembles the previous decades-old design. For these folks, the one-word response is "Patriot".

Of course the Patriot, which is based on the now retired Dodge Caliber, lacks the rugged chops of the old Cherokee. However it closely resembles that boxy model and, unless you're planning some serious off-road running, it's actually better in most ways.

Funny thing about nostalgia: it often tends to obscure reality. Truth be told, the preceding American Motors-created Cherokee XJ wasn't all that comfortable and its four and six-cylinder engines were rough running and thirsty.

In fairness, the XJ did offer a bit more ground clearance and cargo space. But for most applications, including occasional off-road forays, the Patriot is up for the challenge. For anything more than that, Jeep's rugged Wranglers are likely your best choice. Keeping this Jeep on the move is a choice of four-cylinder engines that have been around since the Patriot first arrived for the 2007 model year. The base 2.0-litre makes 158 horsepower and 141 pound-feet of torque, while the optional 2.4-litre four-cylinder is rated at 172 horsepower and 165 pound-feet of torque. A five-speed manual transmission can be had in the front-wheel-drive 2.0 models and front and four-wheel-drive 2.4 Patriots. The 2.0 cannot be ordered with 4x4.

A six-speed automatic transmission (supplied by Hyundai) with manual shift controls is now optional for both engines, replacing the previous continuously variable unit (CVT). That might seem like an about-face from the current trend, but the new automatic makes for a quieter, more predictable experience. The base four-wheel-drive system for the 2.4 is Freedom Drive I. In ideal-traction conditions 100 per cent of the engine torque remains with the front wheels, but when tire slip is detected, power is automatically sent to the rears. The system also has a centre coupling that, once engaged, maintains a 50:50 torque split.

For actual trail-rated off-roading needs, the 2.4 can be ordered with the Freedom Drive II off-road package that has a 19:1 low-range "crawl" ratio for clambering over rocks and other obstacles. The system also includes hill-descent control that maintains a set speed during steep descents while brake lock differentials control side-to-side wheel rotation on both axles so that all wheels constantly turn at the same speed. The old CVT is mandatory with Freedom Drive II, although Jeep says it's made improvements to operation and drivability.

The base Sport trim level with the 2.0-litre engine is priced at $19,700, including destination charges, but is little more than a basic box on wheels. You even have to crank your own windows. The Patriot North, which comes with either 2.0 or the 2.4, adds power windows plus air conditioning and many other niceties.

Along with the 2.4-litre engine as standard, the top-end Limited (available in front or four-wheel-drive) comes with climate control, leather-trimmed seats, and an upgraded audio system.

Several available option groupings include a power sunroof, roof rack, all-terrain tires and drop-down liftgate speakers for tailgate partying. Despite best intentions, it's unlikely that Jeep die-hards will be moved to consider the Patriot as the ideal replacement for their long-gone Cherokee. For everyone else, this humble Jeep is still worthy of consideration.

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2014 Jeep Patriot

- **Type.** Four-door, front- or four-wheel-drive compact tall wagon
- **Engines (hp)** 2.0-litre DOHC I4 (158); 2.4-litre DOHC I4 (172)
- **Transmissions.** Five-speed manual; six-speed automatic (opt.); CVT (opt.)
- **Base price (incl. destination).** $19,700

Interior

If the Patriot resembles the old Cherokee on the outside, it looks nothing like it on the inside. An updating for 2009 included a more attractive (and less plasticky) dashboard and door panels, as well as upgraded upholstery.

Fuel economy

Fuel consumption rings in at 8.9 l/100 km in the city and 6.6 highway for base 2.0 models with the stick shift and 9.7/7.0 with the automatic. The least efficient models have Freedom Drive II and chime in at 10.3/8.7

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Is the aftermarket stereo a dying breed?

Autoknow. Touch screens in new cars are so integrated with vehicle systems that it might be next to impossible to upgrade the audio

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With touchscreens neatly integrated into the dash of even inexpensive cars such as this Chevy Spark, is it even possible to put in an aftermarket audio system? Better speakers and amplifiers seem more likely. ALL IMAGES WHEELBASE

The aftermarket audio industry has thrived on the lack of attention the automakers have given to sound quality, but the landscape is quickly changing. While there will likely always be someone willing to pay to upgrade, the new crop of touchscreens installed at the factory presents a major concern.

As smartphones and in-car touchscreen music systems move from the exception to the rule, the technology tsunami threatens what was once a pretty standard ritual: getting rid of the factory stereo for something much better/cooler from the local electronics emporium.

The days of buying a tape deck and a pair of 6x9-inch speakers are long gone, but did anyone see this coming? A recent study released by IMS Research, a leading supplier of market analysis in the global electronics industry, asked the tough question facing top car-stereo companies such as Alpine, Kenwood and Pioneer: are vehicle manufacturers causing the death of the traditional aftermarket car stereo?

The IMS report projects that aftermarket stereo sales in North America and Western Europe will slip from $1.7 billion U.S. in 2011 to $718 million in 2018, a nearly 60 per cent decline across seven years.

The reasons for the free-fall forecast in the sale of head units — also called receivers or "decks," and the centrepiece of the car stereo system — are many and growing.

But most industry analysts believe aftermarket stereo demand is being undermined mainly in three areas: modern and intricate dashboard designs; the difficulty of replacing a standard stock system, and an improved quality in stereos rolling off assembly lines. IMS senior analyst Jack Berquist said that for aftermarket stereo manufacturers to stay profitable, or even afloat, a marketing evolution needs to take place. "The industry is going to see a shift away from high-volume, low-cost units to low-volume, high-cost and more advanced units," Berquist explained. "If manufacturers aren't able to innovate and assess new markets effectively in this period, future success will be hard to guarantee."

Then and Now

As a history lesson, it was the mid-1980s, an era when rockers Motley Crew, Van Halen and Guns N' Roses ruled the airwaves and cassette decks, that remains the golden age of the aftermarket stereo business. Most vehicle models of the era featured a uniformly sized rectangular cavity in the dashboard that allowed for snug and easy installation of a replacement system with pleasing aesthetics and terrific sound. Changing today's stock systems, units that often feature cutout-free stereos integrated into seamless dashboards, is a much more complex and costly process, and arguably the main reason the IMS study predicts a sales decline so steep that stereo manufacturers are already scrambling to prepare. Adding to the complexity of replacing a standard issue stereo in a new car with an aftermarket unit is that the "infotainment" head units continue to become more integrated with other vehicle systems (see steering wheel mounted audio and climate controls), making replacement complicated and costly and perhaps impractical. With an estimated 33 per cent of drivers already using smartphones or MP3 players for in-car audio and automakers catering to those needs with full smartphone-integrated systems, the temptation and the need for a stereo upgrade has been diminished to the point of near pointlessness. "These new developments from vehicle manufacturers could spell the end of the traditional aftermarket car radio in the next 10 years, especially in mature markets," the IMS study said. According to a story in USA Today, car-stereo makers and retailers continue to devise strategies that will help them survive a changing marketplace, the most logical of which may be to offer a larger catalogue of vehicle electronics that includes improved navigation devices, interactive gaming systems, and back-seat video. Barry Vogel, the president of auto electronic trade group Mobile Enhancement Retailers Association, told the USA Today that broadening the demographic will be another important step for manufacturers to build and maintain their client base. "The target audience is anyone who breathes and drives a car," Vogel said. "If we limited the market to that 16- to 24-year-old that we so loved (back in the aftermarket heyday), the industry will miss out."

Back to the Future

Safe to say with technology a growing battleground in the new-car market, auto builders have no interest in returning to a dashboard design that makes it easy to swap out head units. So what are stereo manufacturers to do? "We need to make car audio cool again," Pioneer Electronics vice president Larry Rougas said at a recent industry summit. Complicated dashboards are forcing car-stereo manufacturers to circumvent the old laws of swap-and-go systems and gear their efforts toward accessories and integration kits. The more progressive aftermarket stereos mate with the factory audio system but hide the main unit underneath the seats. Installation runs the wires through the dash and into a mountable cradle that holds and allows a smartphone to control all the music features. Most of these systems also come SiriusXM and Pandora (Internet radio) ready and offer complete control of and by the cell phone. These near-future audio systems can perform almost all the tasks of a stock unit, with improved sound quality, but they come with a heavy price: integration replacement kits typically start at about $300 before installation, giving stereo specialists even more incentive to think out of the boom box with future system designs, product lineups and marketing strategies aimed at both the young and the mature buyer. "But it's not all doom and gloom for aftermarket manufacturers," the IMS study concluded. "The existing fraternity of diehard audiophiles who are willing to invest significantly to create a unique experience in their vehicles is unlikely to disappear in the future."

Usual suspects pickup 2013 accolades

Canadian vehicle sales. Record year in 2013 is spurred on by trusted, popular brands and a whole lot of pickup sales

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The big news is that Canadians purchased over 1.7 million new vehicles in 2013, breaking the previous sales record, which stood for over a decade.

The not-so-big news is that the nameplates that did most of the heavy lifting in 2013 are ones we've seen before: F-Series, Honda Civic, Dodge Grand Caravan, Ford Escape, etc.

Man, as a group of vehicle buyers, Canadians are so predictable and consistent. We love our pickups, our compact sedans, our minivans, and our compact SUVS and crossovers. It would have been cool if, say, the Maserati Quattroporte outsold the Toyota Corolla, just once! But it's never going to happen I suspect.

Analysts attribute the sales surge to pent-up demand, a slowly recovering economy, and lots of lots of pickups being sold, particularly out west where the economy continues to be hotter than Tex-Mex BBQ sauce. Total pickup sales crossed the 300,000-unit frontier for the first time in history. Lots of pickup sales for work-related ventures for sure, but analysts say the trend toward more personal use pickups is also at play. The Ford F-Series topped all trucks and cars again in 2013, for its forth-consecutive overall sales crown.

It will be interesting to see if the all-new F-Series just introduced at the Detroit auto show will continue the winning legacy, seeing that Ford rolled the dice somewhat on this new model. It's the first pickup with virtually all-aluminum body panels, for a lighter and more fuel-efficient truck.

This should certainly appeal to the personal use crowd, but many wonder if the complexity and cost involved in fixing inadvertently crashed and dinged aluminum might scare off some fleet and commercial customers. Chrysler's Ram pickups continue to make headway. As a group, they're still third behind the Ford and GM competitors, but an awfully strong third. Not long ago they used to be afterthoughts in the full-size segment. Strong F-Series, Focus, Fusion, and Escape sales helped Ford regain the top-selling automaker status in the Canadian marketplace, followed by Chrysler, then GM.

Jaguar is not going to threaten the Big Three anytime soon, or any of its luxury competitors as well, but it did post one of the best year-over-year increases: 1,263 Jaguars were sold in 2013, compared to 644 in 2012, an almost 100 per cent improvement. Certainly helping were the 229 F-type sports cars that found buyers in 2013. Jaguar has been out of that particular sports car segment for far too long, and it's great to see them back, and back with such a strong car. Other highlights and lowlights of the 2013 sales year:

When it came to strictly passenger cars (no trucks or CUVs or SUVs or minivans), Toyota was top, with a 12.8 percent share of the overall market. But Hyundai was not far behind with a 12.4 percent share. Honda was third with an 11.9 percent share.

Nissan Leaf sales almost doubled (470 vs. 240), while Chevrolet Volt's sales performance went somewhat the other way: down to 931 units, from 1,225 in 2012. Smart is staying consistent: 2,387 sales in 2012; 2,237 sales in 2013. Corvette is winning more fans: 324 sales, compared to 250 last year. Two-hundred and fourteen new Ferraris went home with their lucky new buyers in 2013, up slightly from 2012, where 190 made the getaway.

Top 10 sellers in 2013

1) Ford F-Series Pickup - 122,325
2) Chevrolet and GMC Pickup - 84,398
3) Dodge Ram Pickup- 80,248
4) Honda Civic - 64,603*
5) Dodge and Chrysler Mini-van - 55,157
6) Toyota Corolla - 55,138
7) Hyundai Elantra - 54,760
8) Ford Escape - 45,141
9) Mazda 3 - 40,466
10) Honda CRV - 34,481

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Will the 2015 Ford F-series sell as much as its predecessor? Pickups' popularity in general is sky high right now. CONTRIBUTEED

TADA

2013's car sales record and our Drive Clean mission

THE WHEEL DEAL
Todd Bourgon,
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Dealers Association

With 2013 now in the books, I'd like to recap some of the highlights from a Trillium Automobile Dealers Association (TADA) perspective.

One of the encouraging stories from last year is that Canadians purchased a record 1.74 million new vehicles. This was good news for manufacturers and dealers and a testament to the health of the Canadian economy. A continuation of low interest rates, combined with healthy job growth and strong incentives from automakers, could signal another banner year for car sales in 2014.

In 2013, TADA continued to serve the interests of 1,100 member dealers across Ontario. Our Association has long advocated for eliminating the Ontario Drive Clean program. The Ontario Legislature revealed Drive Clean is now generating a $19 million and growing profit, even though it was intended to operate as revenue neutral.

Combined pressure from the TADA and Opposition parties at Queen's Park forced the government to announce a fee reduction of $5 (which starts on April 1, 2014). Admittedly, it's not much, but it's a step in the right direction.

The TADA continued to voice opposition to the Ontario College of Trades (OCOT). The OCOT is an unnecessary bureaucracy set up by the Ontario government, which taxes apprentices and licensed tradespeople. Our Association will continue to hold the OCOT accountable for the estimated $33.6 million that the program is expected to generate by 2015. The TADA has also registered its opposition to proposed new taxes and fees on drivers to pay for public transit expansion.

A report by the Conference Board of Canada concluded that motorists "cover between 70 and 90 per cent of the costs of the road network through fees and gas taxes." The government should support expand both public transit and roads, and allow more choice for our transportation needs. The family car is not responsible for the lack of transit expansion in Greater Toronto and Hamilton. The Ontario Government should focus on better fiscal management and stop wasting billions of dollars in order to fund transit expansion.

Car sales hit new highs in 2013
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In 2013, the TADA continued to advocate for driver safety through its Distracted Driving Campaign. Our Association urges motorists to apply their full attention to operating a vehicle at all times (visit tada.ca/TADADistractedDriver).

In October, The TAD Foundation, the charitable arm of the TADA, presented a $1 million cheque to the Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital in Toronto. This gift, combined with the government funding, helped launch the Concussion Research Centre to provide research and response for appropriate treatments for boys and girls who have suffered a concussion.

Looking ahead, The Canadian International AutoShow, presented by autoTRADER.ca, runs from February 14th to 23rd at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Hundreds of exciting new vehicles, concepts and accessories will be featured throughout the 10-day event. For more information, visit autoshow.ca.

On behalf of the TADA, wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

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Fuel cell vehicles and their 'free energy'

Driving force. These hydrogen-powered machines make their own electricity and allow the occupant 385 kms off one tank

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For all the technology that goes into them, battery-electric cars are relatively simple. You plug them into a wall, charge them up, and then drive them until they need to be charged again.

But there's an even more advanced model that makes its own electricity. Called a fuel cell vehicle, or FCV, it contains a fuel cell stack that produces power from hydrogen.

"It's a chemical process, not a combustion process," says Stephen Ellis, manager of fuel cell vehicle marketing for American Honda Motor Company. "In simplest terms, hydrogen is introduced on one side of a membrane and oxygen on the other side, and through the exchange of protons, electricity is made."

The thin membrane, which resembles cellophane plastic, is sandwiched between layers that form the hydrogen and oxygen electrodes. This "sandwich" is called a membrane electrode assembly. When a separator is attached on either side, the resulting unit is called a cell. Several hundred cells are stacked together — hence the name — to form the fuel cell stack. The separators provide room for hydrogen, air, and coolant to flow between the cells.

The fuel cell receives its hydrogen from a storage tank in the car, while it gets its oxygen from the outside air. The process of creating electricity releases water. Some of it remains in the stack, since the membrane has to stay damp, but the excess goes out the tailpipe. It's the only emission an FCV creates.

"When you turn the key and press the 'start' button, that begins the production of electricity," Ellis says. While fuel cells from ten years ago needed about 30 seconds to start working, today's versions take less than five seconds.

Honda's FCV contains a lithium-ion battery, which stores any excess electricity from the fuel cell. It also captures kinetic energy during deceleration and braking, and stores it as electricity. Ellis calls this "free energy," since it's power that's created without using hydrogen. During start-up and acceleration, when large amounts of power are needed, the battery supplements the fuel cell's output. The fuel cell also shuts down its electricity production when the car is stationary, so the battery provides power to run the lights, stereo, and other devices.

Honda's current fuel cell has a range of about 385 km on a tank of hydrogen, but an improved one coming next year will go about 480 km, even though it's 33 per cent smaller.

To note

- **Availability.** Honda's FCV, the Clarity, is primarily available in California, where several hydrogen filling stations are available. Hydrogen infrastructure remains a key obstacle for widespread FCV adoption.
- **Sources.** Hydrogen can be made from many sources, including natural gas, biomass, and even biogas from human waste.
- **BMW.** Cars can also burn hydrogen the same way they burn gasoline. BMW built a test fleet of 100 cars that used this process.
- **Origin.** Honda's first prototype FCV was introduced in 1999. It delivered its first cars to customers in Japan and the U.S. in 2002.

Filling up Honda's new FCV vehicle at a hydrogen station. CONTRIBUTED/HONDA

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Get the right price with these five golden rules

Sell your car in no time with these helpful tips. NEWS CANADA

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Experts at website that advertise more than 400,000 cars at any one time reveal the best ways to sell your used vehicle

It may take a bit more effort, but when it comes to selling your vehicle privately, doing a few key things upfront can help you land the highest price possible.

According to the experts at autoTRADER.ca, the nation's largest online automotive marketplace, it's easy enough to put your car up for sale: it's how you position your vehicle's best features.

"With over 400,000 cars in one place," says Ian MacDonald, Director of Marketing at autoTRADER.ca, "we've studied the things that contribute the most to sellers getting their asking price."

1. Think Inside and Out
First impressions mean everything. It's not enough to clean your car's exterior and interior, but consider washing the engine block, and remember to top up fluids such as windshield washer.

2. Price it Properly
The easiest way to determine asking price is to investigate what comparable models are asking for. MacDonald says a Value Finder tool on autoTRADER.ca easily informs sellers how similar cars are priced. Also, make sure to leave a little room for negotiation. No one likes a take-it-or-leave-it positioning.

3. Worth a Thousand Words
Photos can make or break the sale, so it's of the utmost importance to take high quality ones. Make sure your car is washed and shined. Place it somewhere without any distracting elements in the background and consider how the lighting brings out key features on your vehicle. A full list of the 14 key photo positions is available on autoTRADER.ca.

4. Describe in Detail
Key information which may not always come to mind to include in the car's description include: year, make, model, mileage, price, exterior and interior colours. Other details to consider include engine capacity, power options (i.e. windows, locks and seats), air conditioning, service history and warranty. Taking the time to paint a picture with your words also goes a long way. Listings on autoTRADER.ca are free and descriptions have no word limits, so let your inner Shakespeare out.

5. Exercise your Etiquette
Be honest about your car's issues, quirks and repair needs. Getting a prospective buyer excited, only to have them become disappointed when they ultimately find out shortcomings is a waste of time. Consider ordering a CarProof Report ahead of time to show the vehicle's history. Schedule appointments during daylight hours and allow buyers ample time to inspect it. And for safety reasons, always ask for their driver's licence number when and if they request a test drive.

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See through this model

If you're a Baby Boomer, you likely saw the Visible V8 model kit at your local hobby shop or toy store. You can still purchase this award-winning kit for yourself, your kids, or grandkids. The Revell-made one-quarter-scale engine is generic in origin, but does resemble an early Chevrolet 265- or 283 cubic-inch powerplant. Once the 314-piece kit is assembled (correctly) a turn of the hand crank shows a variety of actual working innards, including the crankshaft, connecting rods, pistons, camshaft, valves and rocker arms. In addition there's a working fan and accessory pulleys. The Visible V8 sells for about $60 US through numerous storefront and online retailers. For more info and a location near you, go to www.revell.com

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What a concept!

There are companies that manufacture a wide variety of replica classic car bodies, but Superior Glass works of Molala, Ore., is the only one producing a fibreglass replica of a vehicle that never actually went into production. The Corvette Nomad station wagon was first displayed at the 1954 General Motors Motorama exhibit in New York City and was the forerunner of the Nomad station wagons built from 1955-'57. The Superior 54 Sport Wagon is available as a body-only package, minus a frame, for $60,000 US and as a rolling chassis using previous-generation (1997-'04) Corvette suspension components attached to an aftermarket chassis for $100,000 US. If your pockets are deep enough, you can get a complete turn-key Nomad that starts at $200,000 US. Visit superior54.com.

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Lusted after by fans of high-strung, German-engineered performance cars, the BMW M3 entered its fourth generation for model-year 2007, packing, for the first time, a V8 engine. Shoppers considering an M3 from this era can look for a sedan, coupe or convertible, manual or dual-clutch, paddle-shift transmission, and access to one of the most storied performance car driving experiences on the road. Feature content included a carbon-fiber roof, xenon lights, automatic climate control, Bluetooth, navigation, and a full leather interior. The M3 topped the BMW 3-Series model range as the most powerful, highest-performing 3 series variant available.

Common issues

Using the iDrive system, click 'Menu', then 'Vehicle Information' then 'Check Control' to see if the M3 has any issues. A mechanical inspection including a 'scan' of the M3's drivetrain computer systems should be considered mandatory. Other reported issues are mainly minor: bad window seals on coupe models, which could cause the glass to scratch, some interior squeaks and rattles, and a wonky brake-light fault system that could cause a brake-light 'failure' message to display, possibly even if the brake lights are working. The V8 looks bulletproof so far, though ensuring the one you're considering has been treated to all regular maintenance and fluid changes is key to ensuring its long-term durability and reliability. The M3's transmissions look solid too, albeit some programming-related clumsiness from the M-DCT control system. Some owners have had issues with this high-tech gearbox resolved with dealer-installed software updates. If you prefer a manual transmission, stick to your guns. Finally, to ensure you benefit from maximum long-term reliability and durability from your M3, avoid a model with extensive modifications to the engine or suspension.

The verdict

The M3 owners community reports that the 2007 to 2013 M3 is largely a reliable performance machine that's fantastic to drive and free of serious issues. Common issues are minor and easily identified, not to mention largely electronic and not mechanical in nature. A model purchased through a certified pre-owned program with full service records is your safest bet.

Engine

All models got a four-litre V8 with 414 horsepower at a snarling 8,300 RPM, and all units were rear-wheel drive.

What owners dislike

Common gripes include heavy fuel consumption, a stiff suspension, a plain-Jane interior relative to some competitors, and the perpetual threat of driver's licence revocation.

What owners like

Performance, discreet styling upgrades, a magnificently tuned engine, track-ready handling and brakes and all-around recognition and exclusivity are highly rated by M3 owners. Many owners report that the M3 also does well as a daily driver when driven gently too. A look that favours sportiness, not bling, rounds out the package.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You may not agree with what you hear today but let others have their say. Free speech is worth fighting for. If someone shouts down opposing opinions, make it your business to defend their right to be different.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
If there is something you have been trying to do but every time you get started you are forced to stop, it could be a sign that you should be doing something else.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Certain people may be feeling down but they have no right to bring you down with them, so go where there is music playing and people dancing and not a sad face to be seen.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Someone older and wiser will give you advice today, and if you are smart, you will listen and learn. Don't forget there are more important things in life than material success, like doing the right thing.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Someone's negative attitudes are getting you down more than you care to admit. If you have been thinking of bringing a partnership to an end, now is the time to be decisive. Don't feel sorry for them.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You'll get more done over the next 24 hours than you got done in the past 24 days. But don't think that means you have to work harder. Achieve more by doing less.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
First appearances can be deceptive, so don't be put off if someone you meet seems too serious for your tastes. The planets suggest you will be working together. Do what you can to put them at ease.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You may be reserved but every now and again you go right the other way and say things that shock. This is one of those days. You've had enough of criticisms. It's time to hit back.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Let others know what they are doing is wrong and what they must do to put it right. Don't allow yourself to worry that you might bruise their egos. Honesty is the best policy .

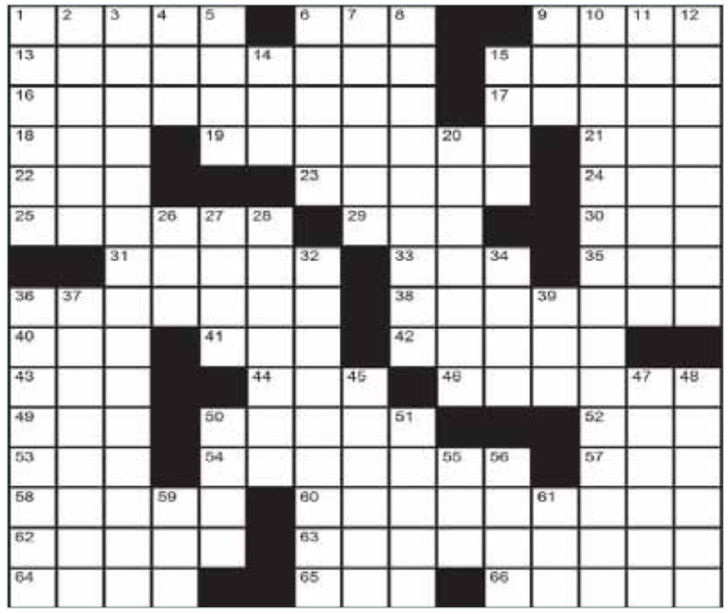
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You are trying hard to deny your feelings for someone because you fear it might damage your reputation. Maybe it will, but is that really a good enough excuse to turn your back on affection?

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Although this is your time of year what happens today may take the gloss off things a bit. In a way that's good because you need days like this to remind you that all those other days must not be taken for granted.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Don't worry if the party spirit seems to have passed you by because it is the inner spirit that matters. The planets indicate the deeper you think about your life's meaning, the more you will enjoy it. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



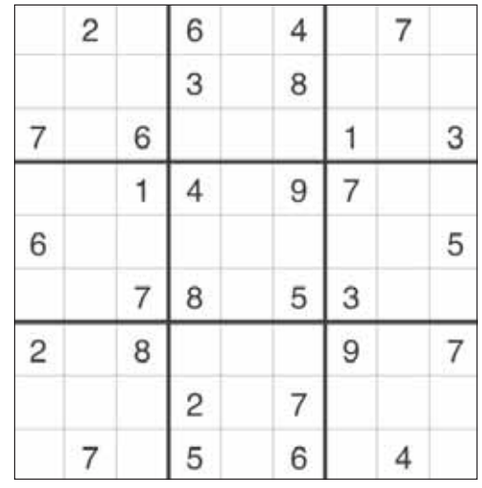
Across
1. "___ always the case..."
6. Pouch
9. Rhyme scheme
13. Canadian basketball star: 2 wds.
15. Elongated circles
16. Toronto restaurant, The Old __ Factory
17. Ms. Croft's of video games
18. At the age of, in Latin [abbr.]
19. The first Mrs. de Winter's memory haunts in this 1940 Hitchcock thriller
21. Pre-A.D. time
22. Q. "Is __ '_' that goes after 'G'?" A. "Yes."
23. Comedy's Mr. Smirnoff
24. Escaped
25. Jane of "Hot in Cleveland"
29. #13-Across' team, on scoreboards
30. Mr. Carney
31. Tear paper: 2 wds.
33. Greyish-brown
35. Canonized Mlle.
36. "The Towering __" (1974)
38. Gave off
40. Beatles: Chairman in "Revolution"
41. Hockey's Bobby
42. Record
43. Stray
44. "The Simpsons" storekeeper
46. Toronto college; or, Roman statesman
49. Expert
50. Film critic Jeffrey
52. Lithium-__ battery
53. Ms. Kidman, to pals
54. "Are things all set?": 4 wds.
57. Soak, in dialect
58. Sovereign sorts
60. Purple __, Nunavut's official flower
62. Matter
63. "So __" by Whitney Houston
64. Hull 'head'
65. Red Chamber fig.
66. ___ harm (Hurtnot)

Down
1. Bombard
2. __. __ (Florida resort city, commonly)
3. Environment Canada daily info: 2 wds.
4. Dow Jones Ind. __.
5. "__ gut!" (Very good, in German)
6. Didn't help: 2 wds.
7. "It's _ __!" (Seller's pitch)
8. NB's provincial bird, Black-capped __
9. Flame of Frank's
10. Celebrity who dated Pierre Trudeau: 2 wds.
11. Menu option: 3 wds.
12. Gave the green light
14. Born, in Boucherville
15. King of Norway [var. sp.]
20. Newspaper features
26. Try
27. Tune on Beck's 2005 album 'Guero'
28. From-the-sky beams
32. Cute cetaceans
34. Fun evening?
36. "My opinion was no joke.": 3 wds.
37. Manitoba: __ Snake Dens
39. "The __ Commandments" (1956)
45. Wild
47. Jackie who was the 'kid' in Charlie Chaplin movie "The Kid" (1921)
48. Mr. Mosca, honoured member of the Canadian Football Hall of Fame
50. Ms. Watier
51. Anglo-__
55. "Vamoose!"
56. Comic strip, Wizard __ __
59. Regret
61. King: French

Yesterday's Crossword

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.



Yesterday's Sudoku

3	7	2	6	4	1	8	5	9
1	4	8	9	5	3	7	6	2
5	9	6	2	8	7	3	1	4
9	8	1	3	7	6	4	2	5
2	5	4	1	9	8	6	3	7
6	3	7	5	2	4	1	9	8
8	2	3	4	1	5	9	7	6
7	1	5	8	6	9	2	4	3
4	6	9	7	3	2	5	8	1

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2013 IIHS TOP SAFETY PICK

Forte SX shown△

THE ALL-NEW 2014 FORTE

hwy / city 100km^ 5.3L/8.0L

WAS ~~$98~~

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$78≠ BI-WEEKLY for the first **15 MONTHS.**

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THE NEW 2014 RIO

hwy / city 100km^ 5.3L/7.5L

WAS ~~$91~~

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